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KNUCKLES
GUARDIAN OF THE
MASTER EMERALD



AMY ROSE
HIGH-SPIRITED HEROINE



TEAM DARK
SHADOW, ROUGE
& E-123 OMEGA



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Where Knuckles the Echidna and Amy Rose seek out the final missing Master Emerald shards!

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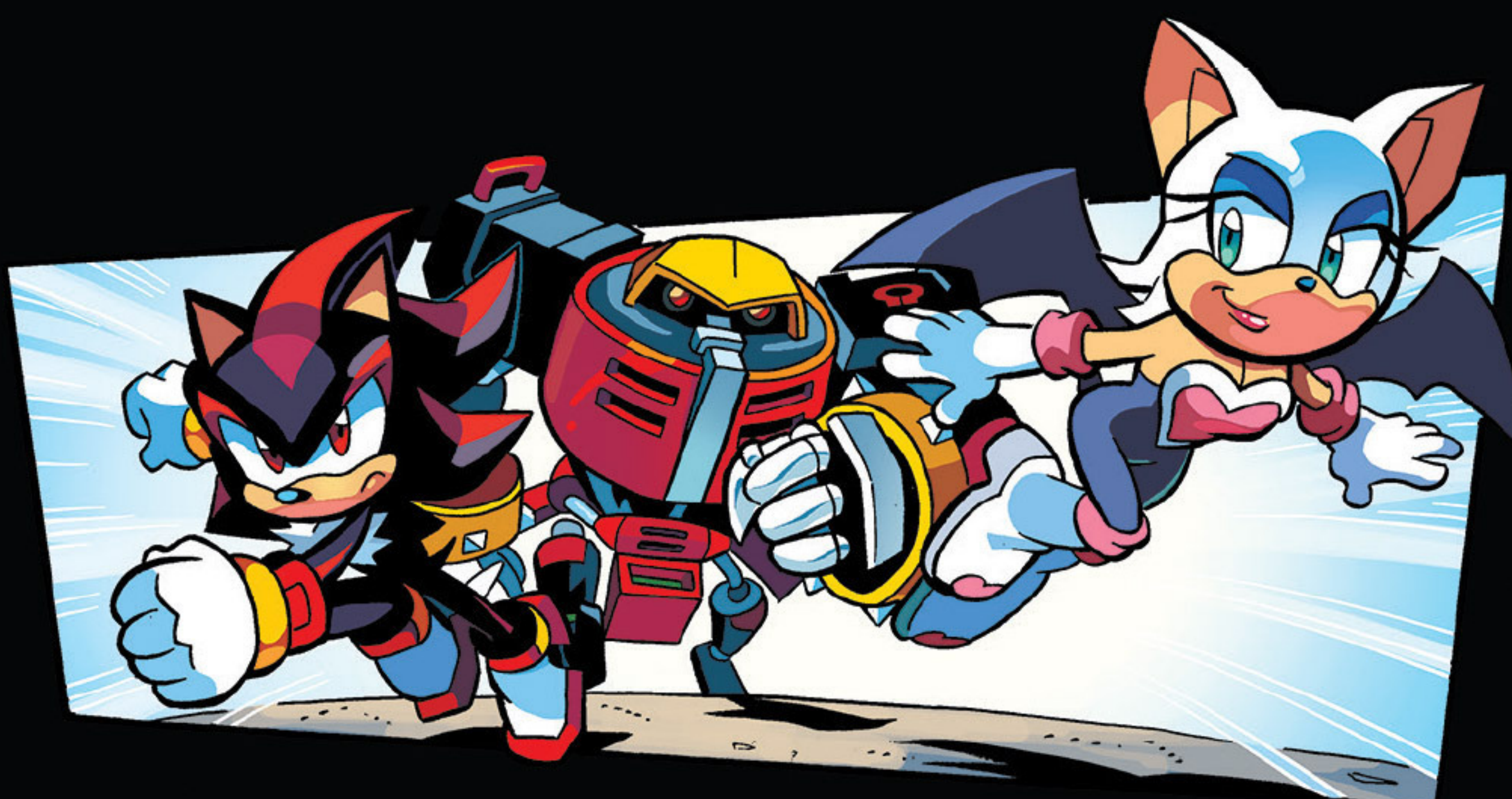
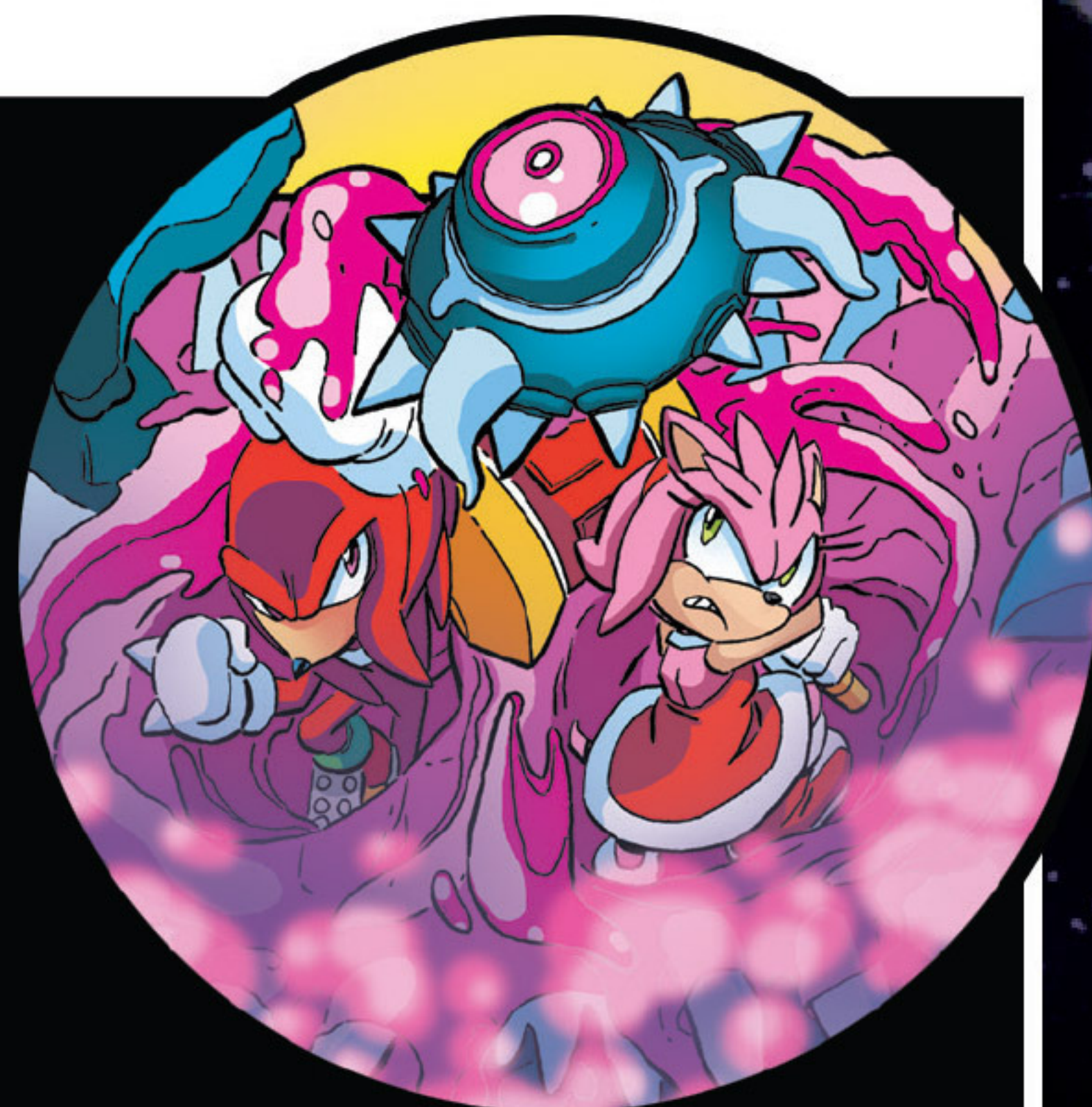
DUAL SEARCH

Recently, Knuckles was forced to shatter the Master Emerald to keep it out of enemy hands!

Now he's hunting down its many pieces. Amy Rose volunteered to lend a hand in finding the shards.

Team Dark—Shadow, Rouge and Omega—recently foiled an alien invasion. They're currently hunting down the aliens' last living weapons—Eclipse and his Dark Arms.

In a twist of fate, both teams will come together to recover what they've lost. However, some things are best left unfound...



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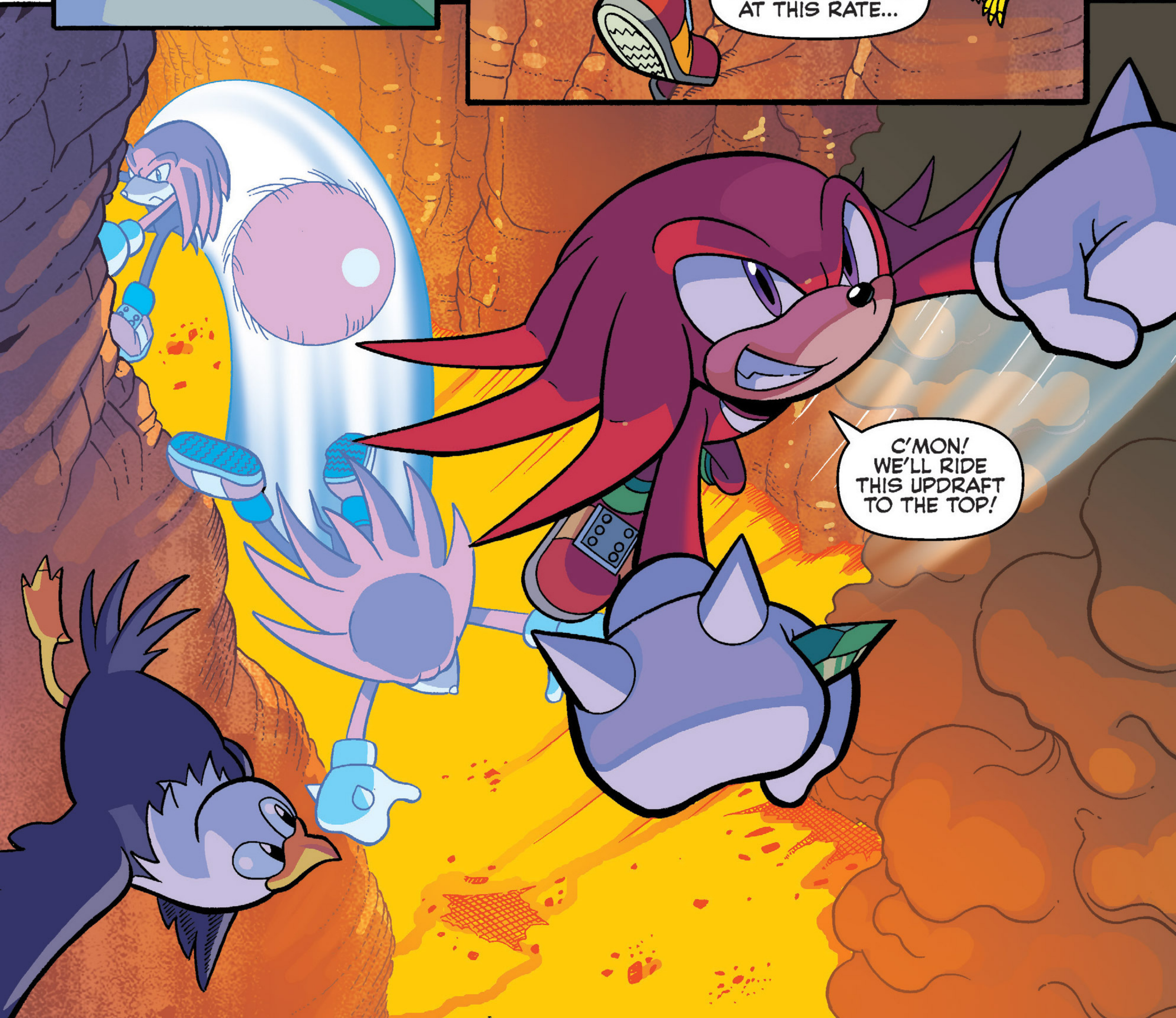
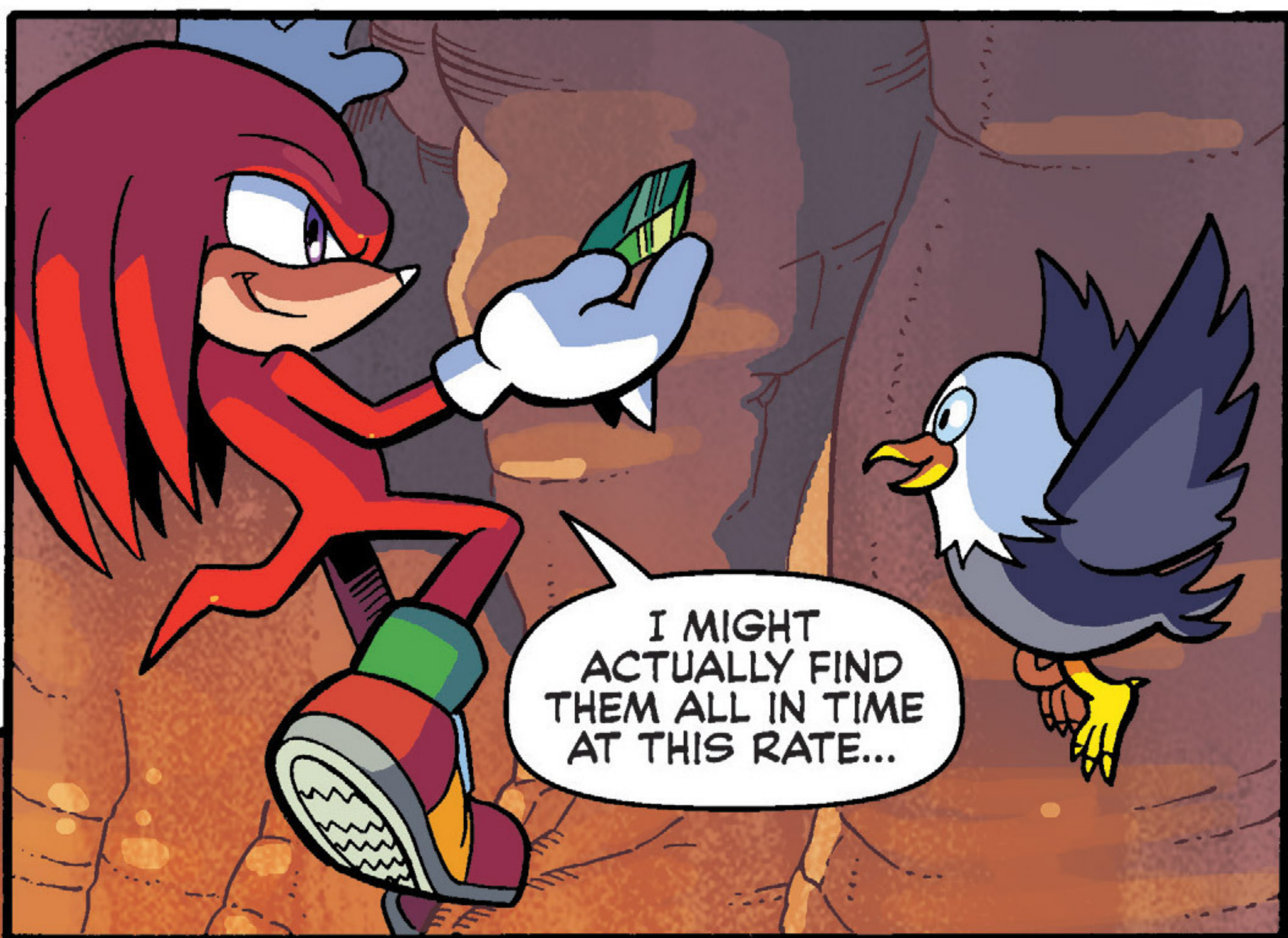
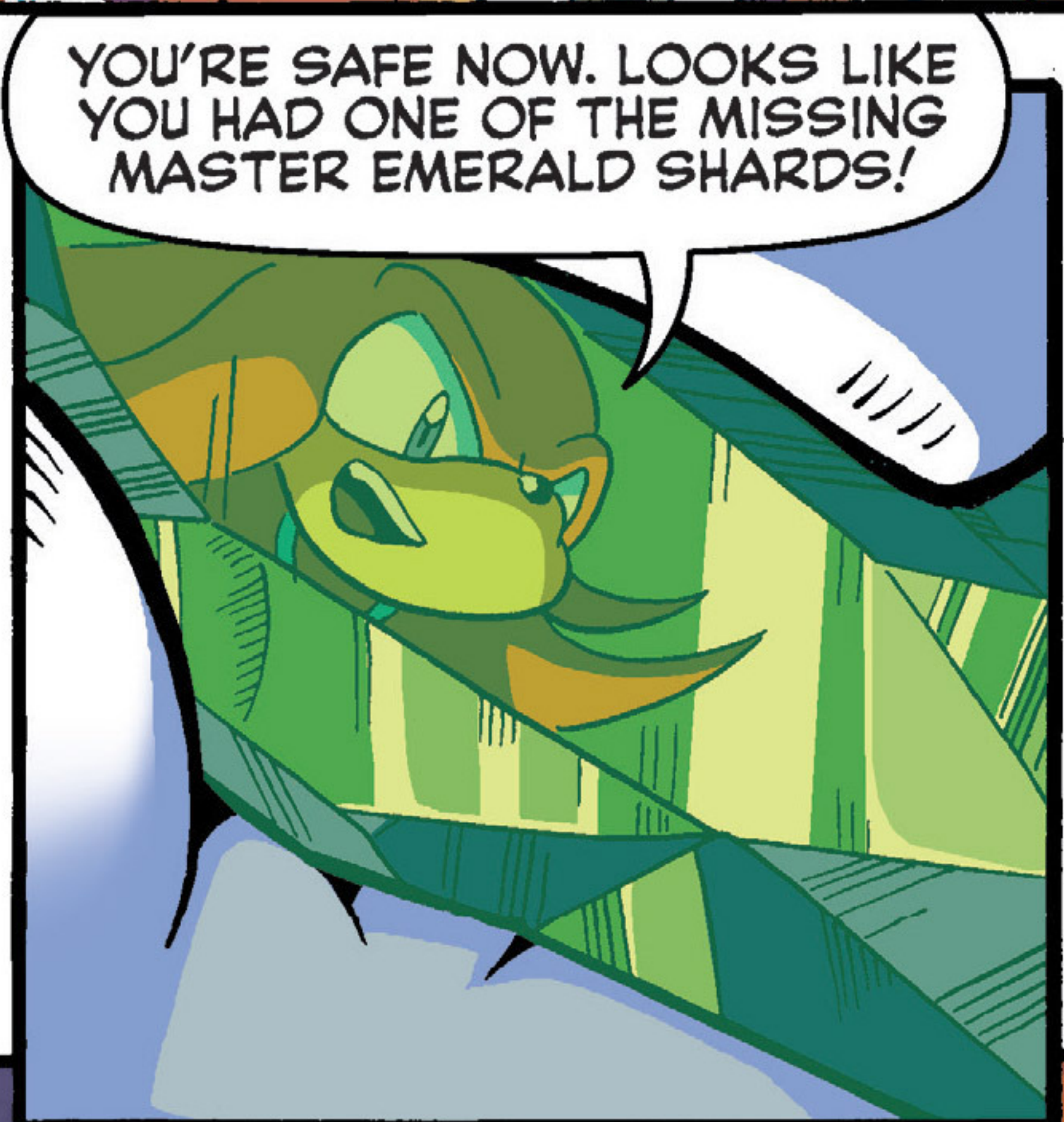
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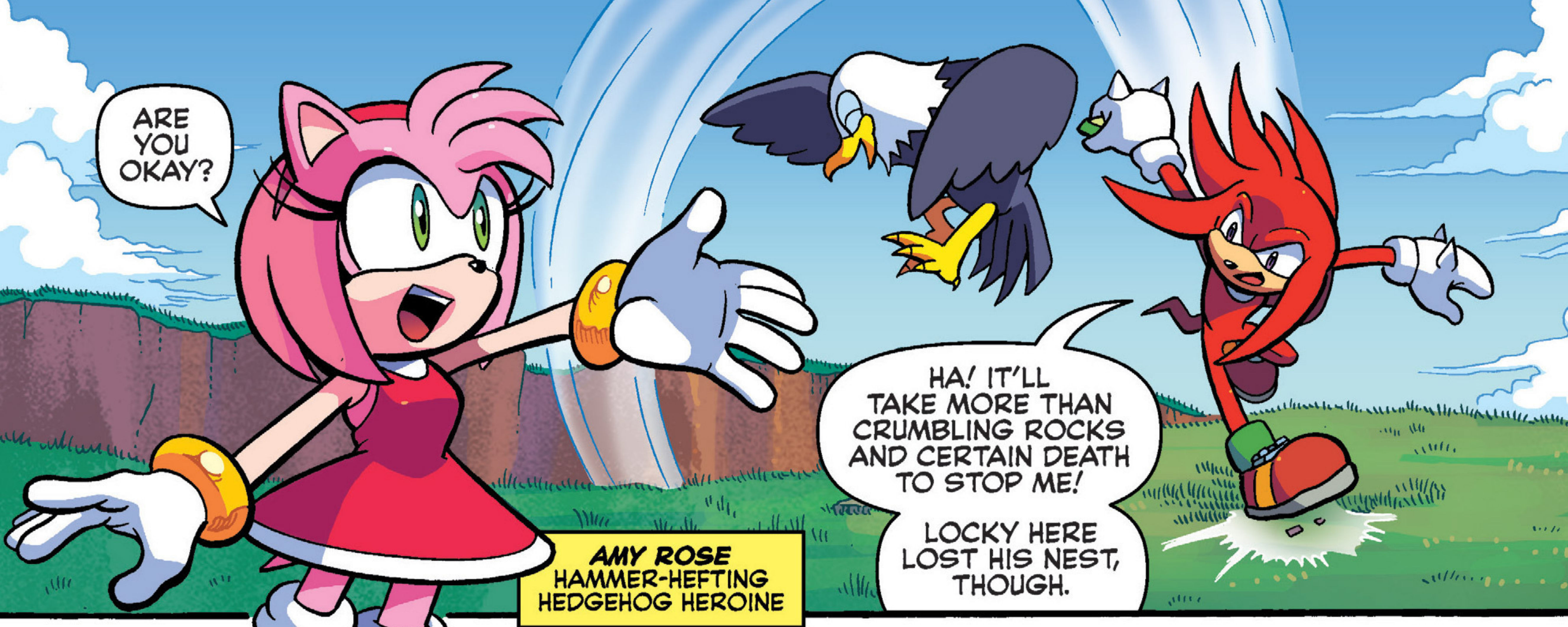
**PART
ONE**

CLOSING IN

HANG
ON,
LITTLE
GUY!

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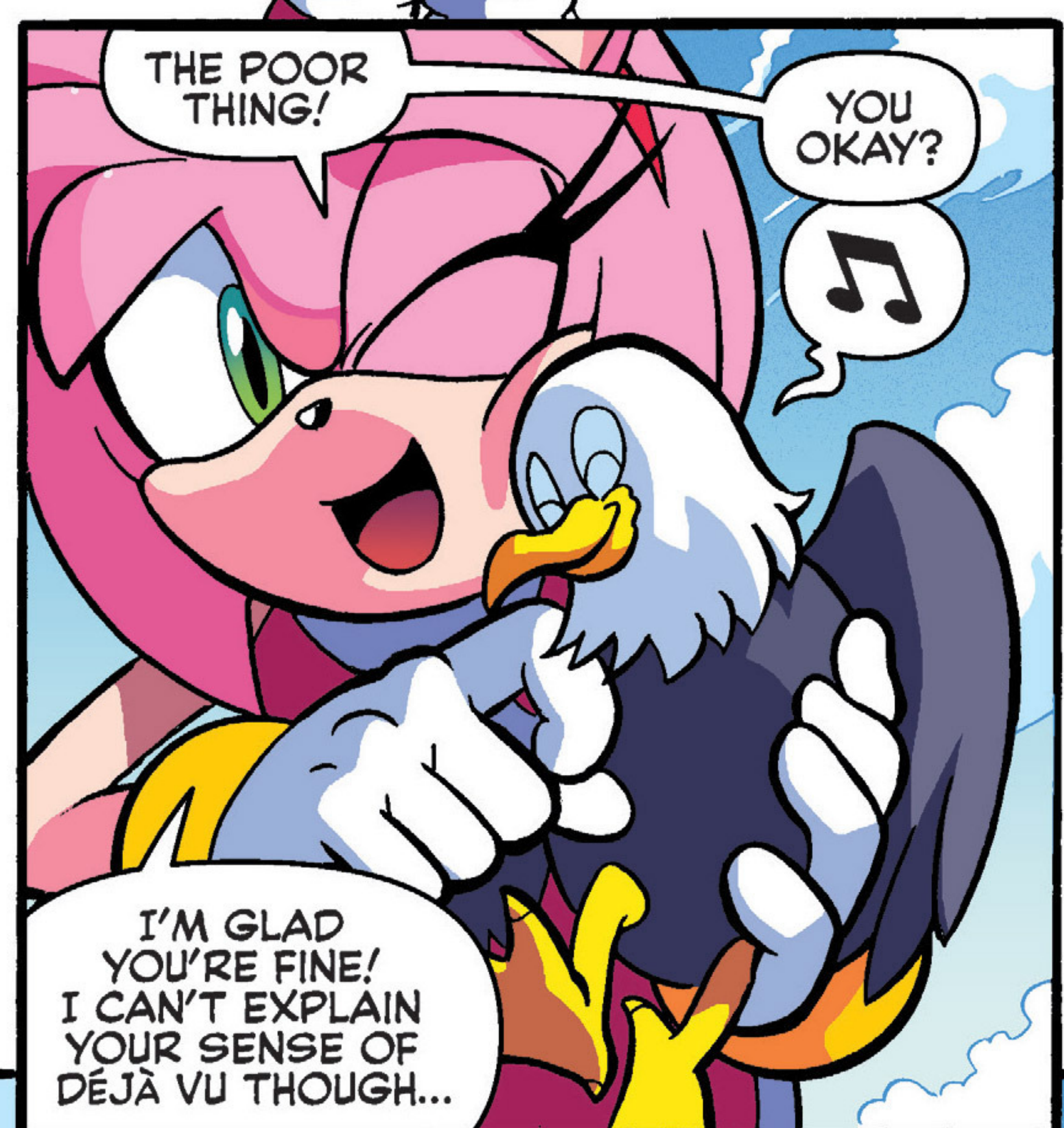


ARE YOU OKAY?

AMY ROSE
HAMMER-HEFTING
HEDGEHOG HEROINE

HA! IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN CRUMBLING ROCKS AND CERTAIN DEATH TO STOP ME!

LOCKY HERE LOST HIS NEST, THOUGH.

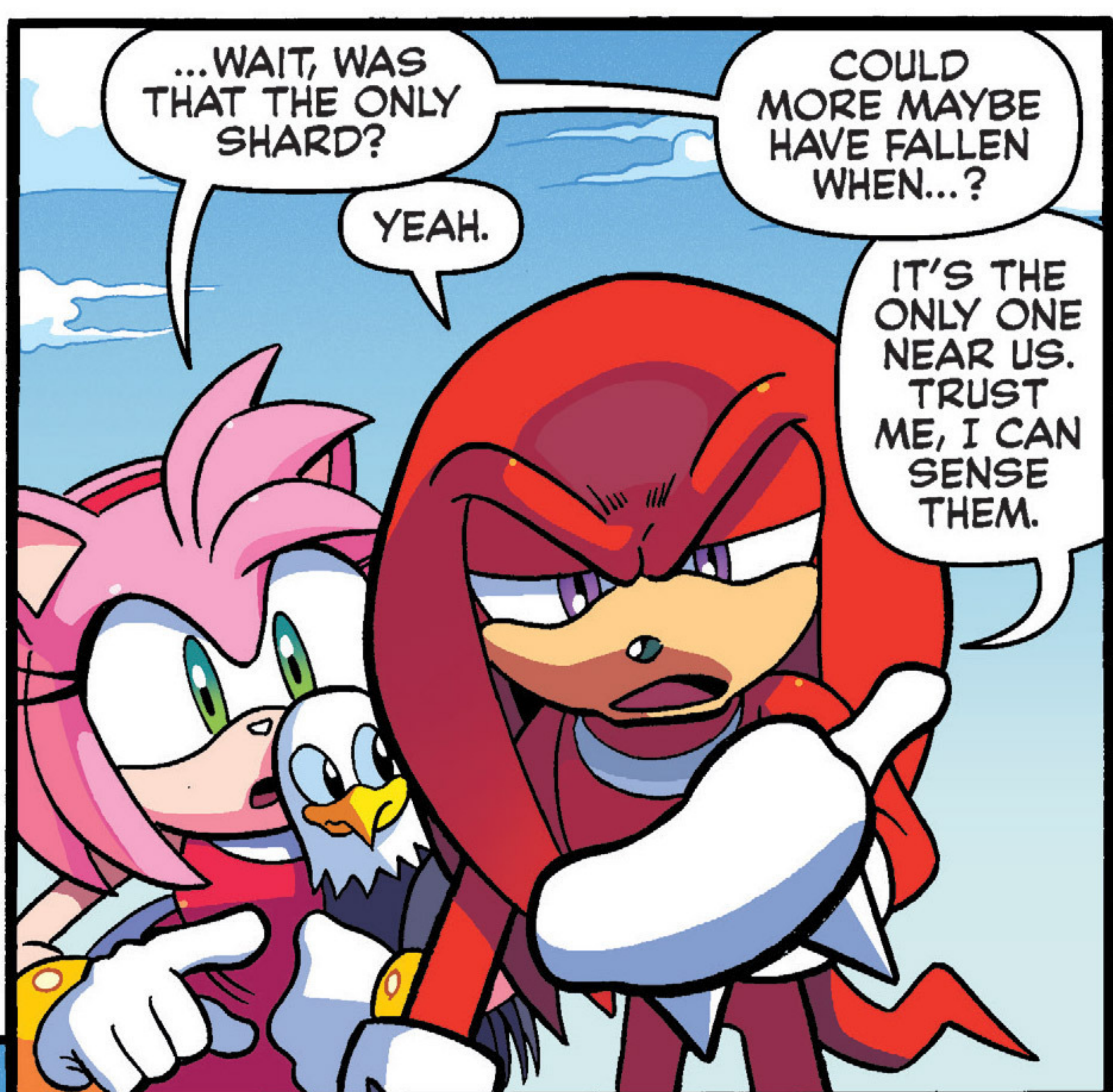


THE POOR THING!

YOU OKAY?



I'M GLAD YOU'RE FINE! I CAN'T EXPLAIN YOUR SENSE OF DÉJÀ VU THOUGH...

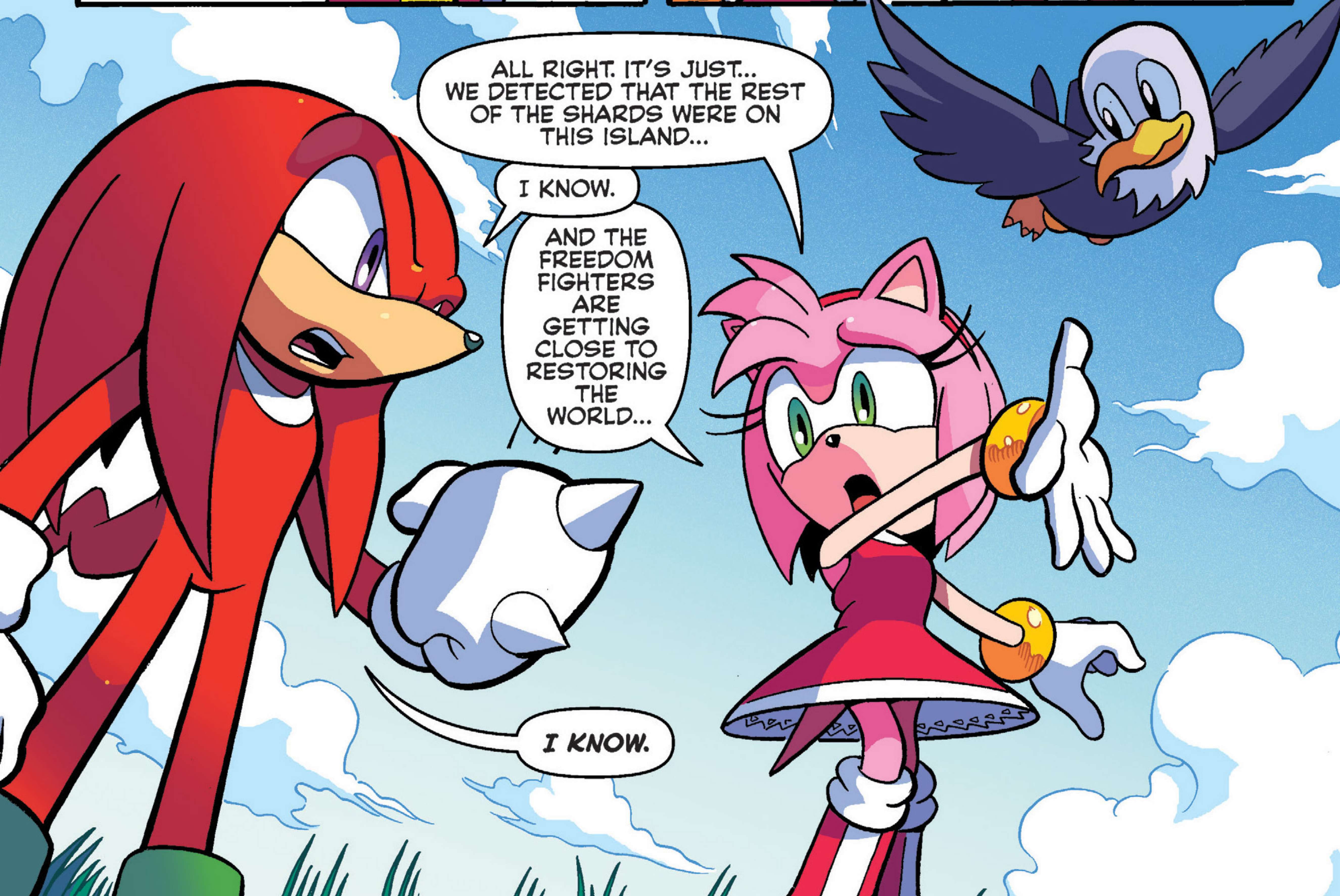


...WAIT, WAS THAT THE ONLY SHARD?

YEAH.

COULD MORE MAYBE HAVE FALLEN WHEN...?

IT'S THE ONLY ONE NEAR US. TRUST ME, I CAN SENSE THEM.

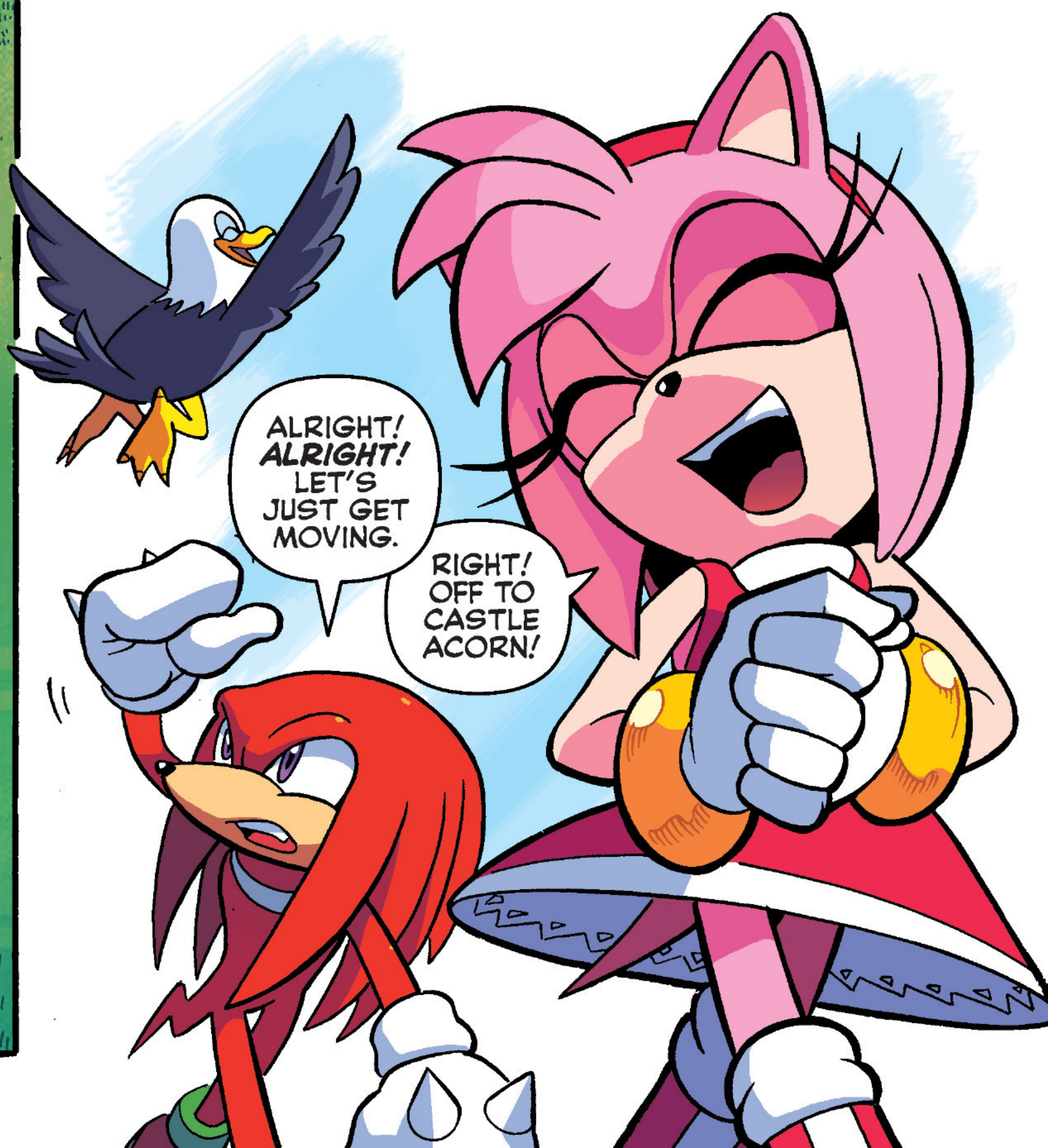
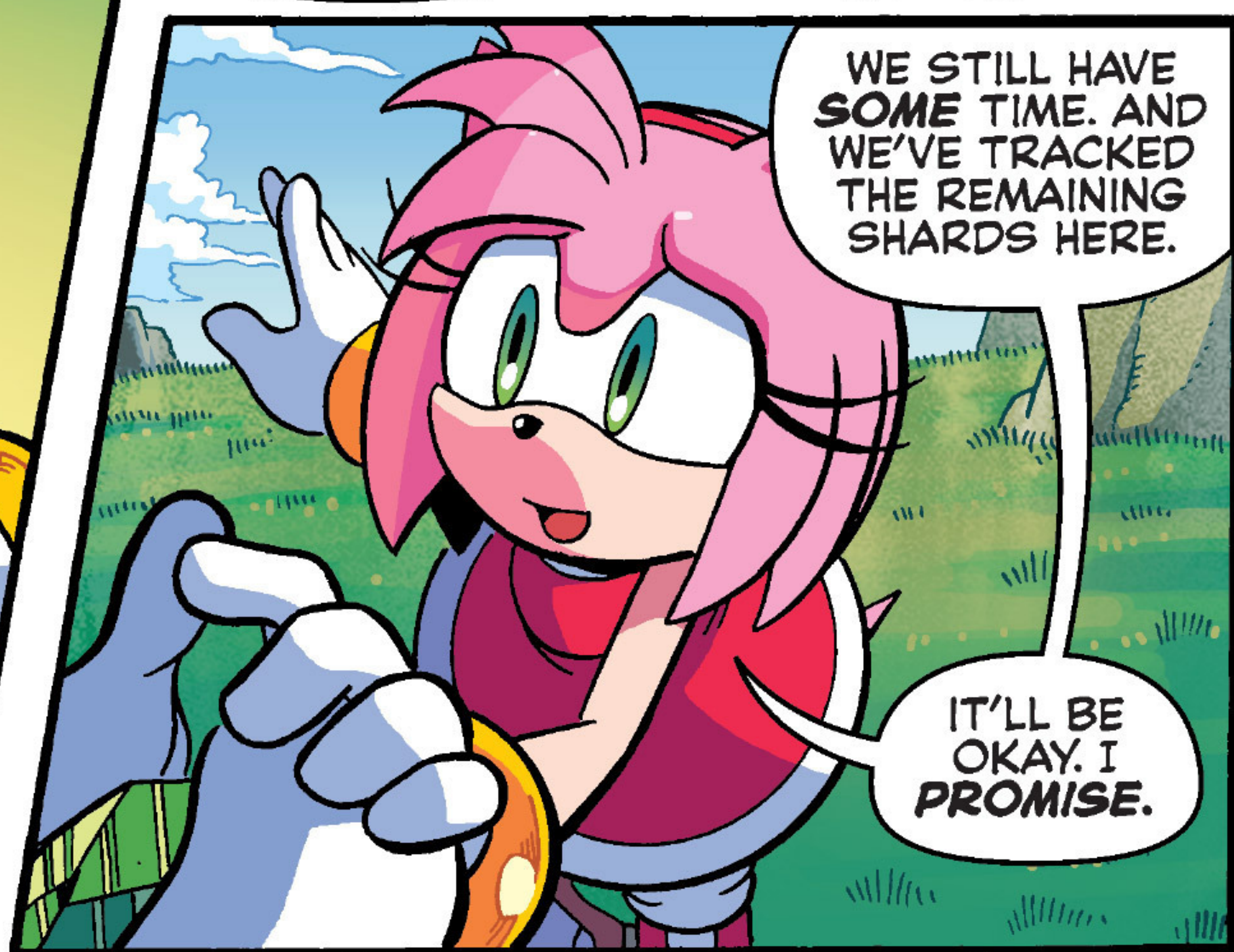
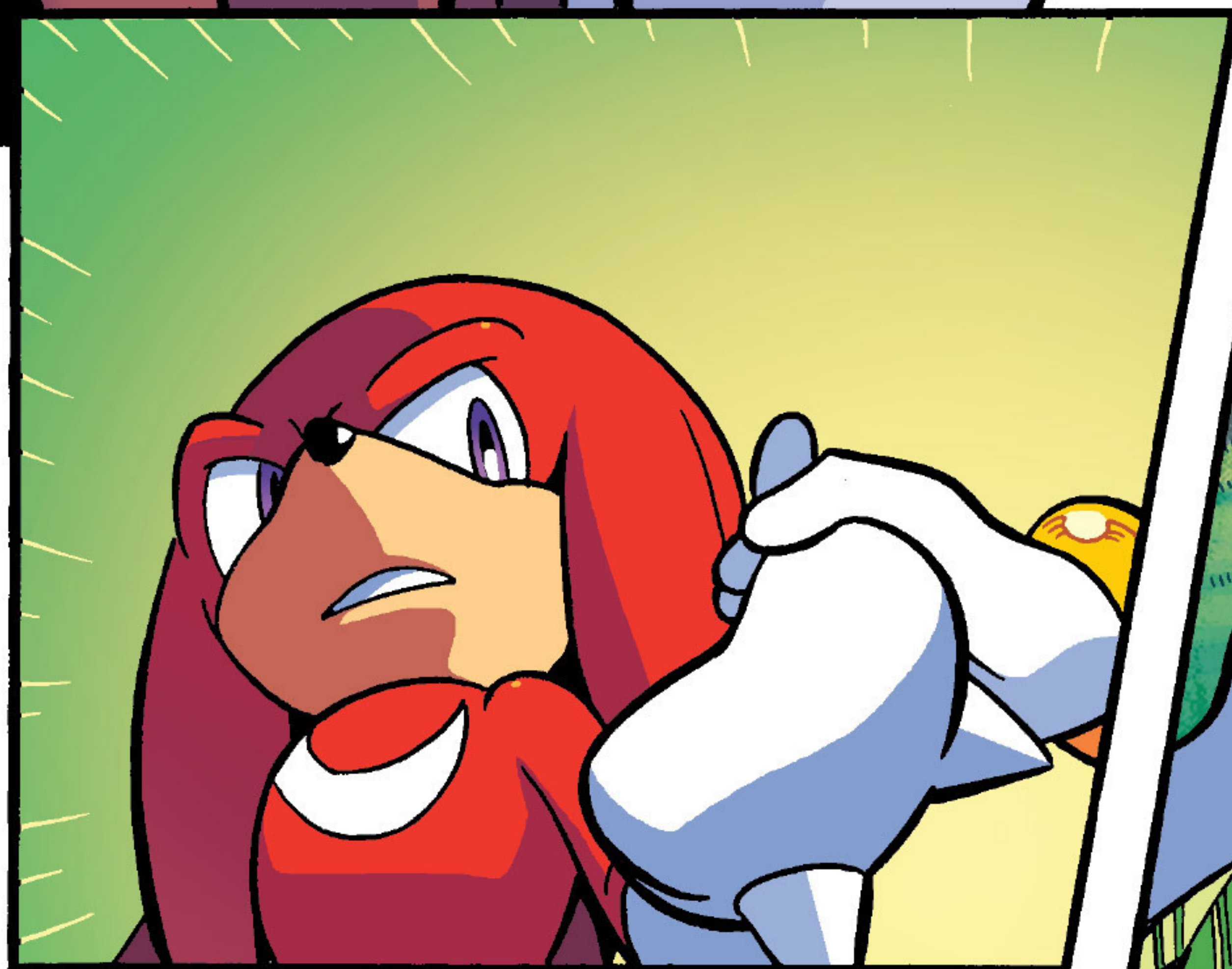


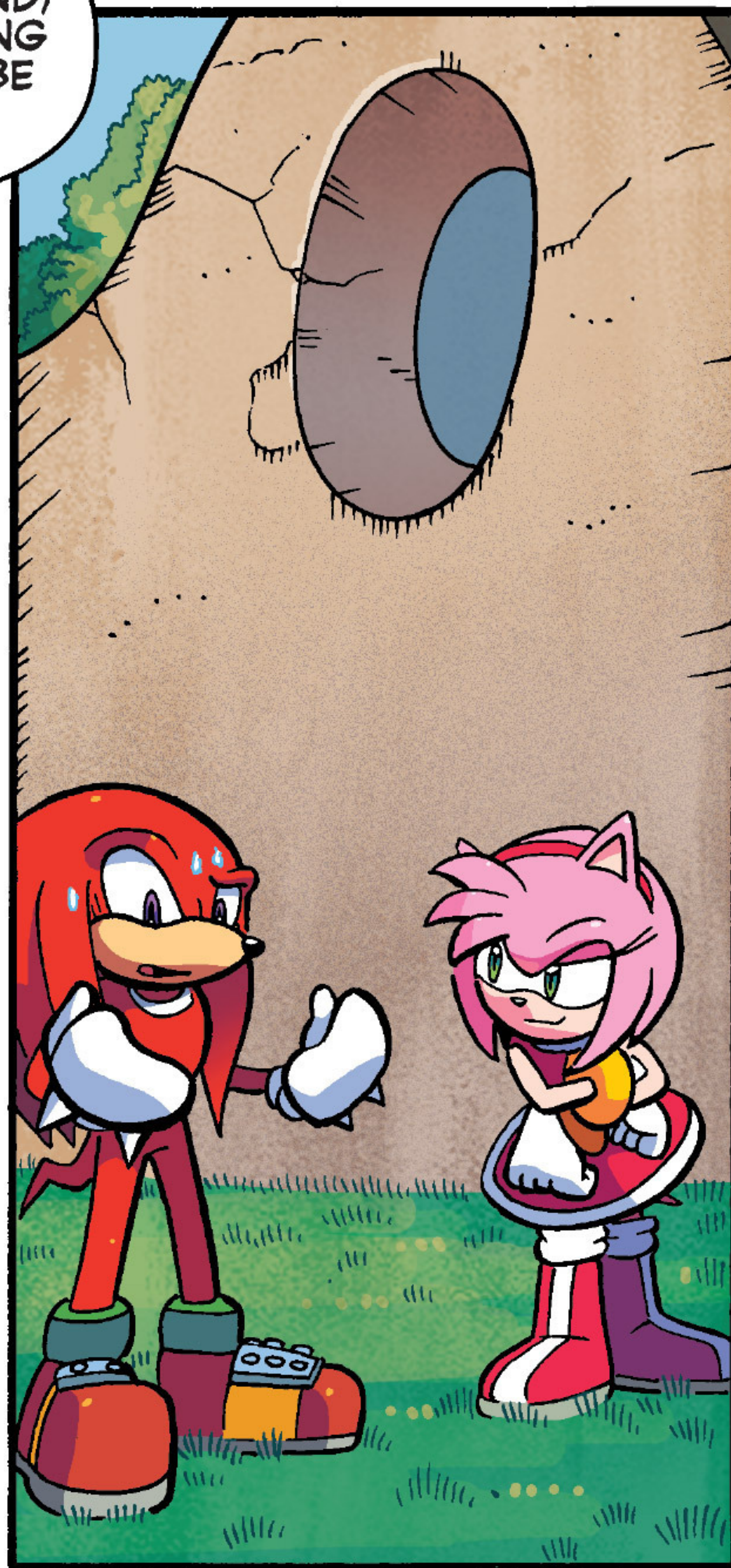
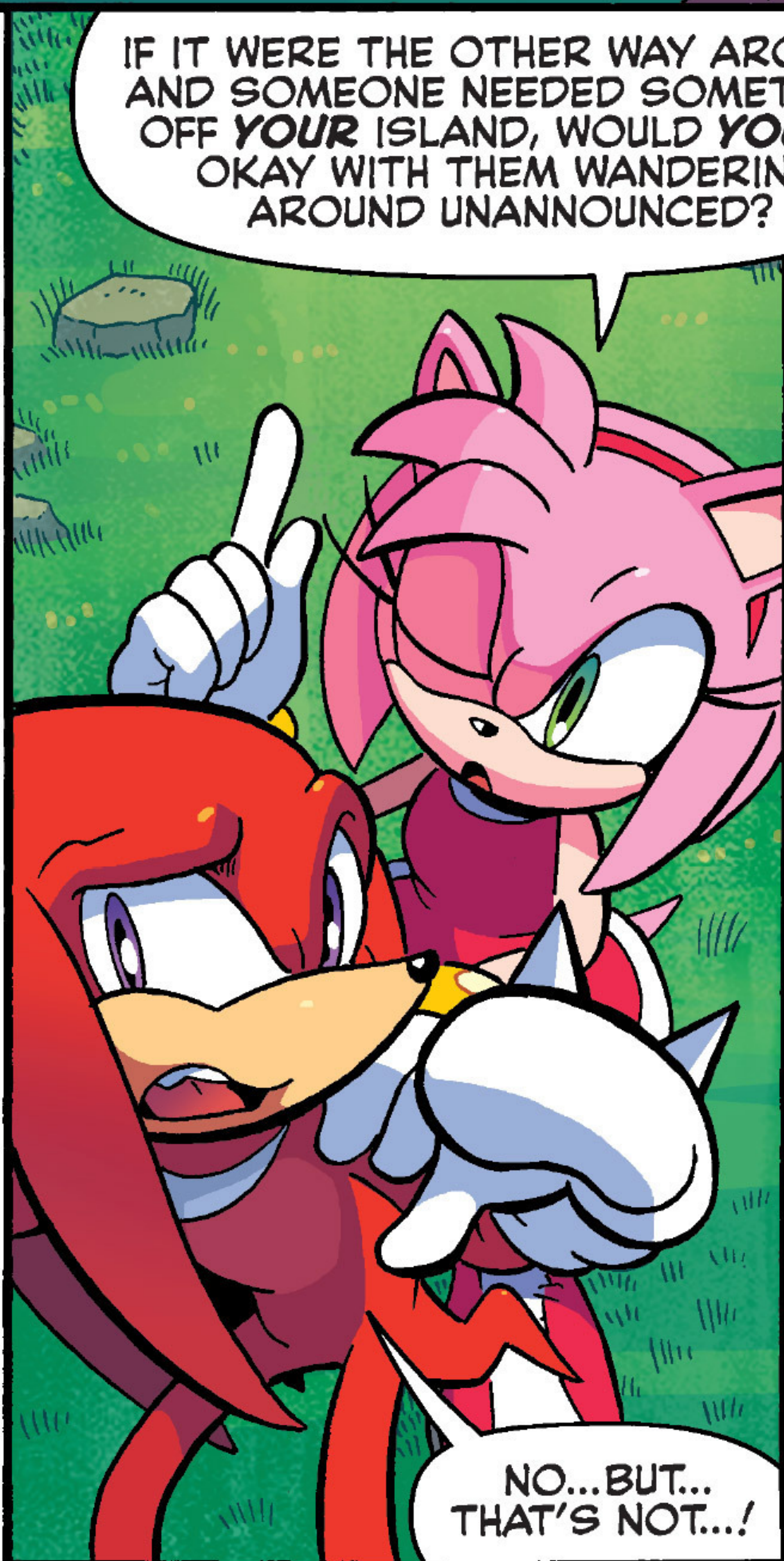
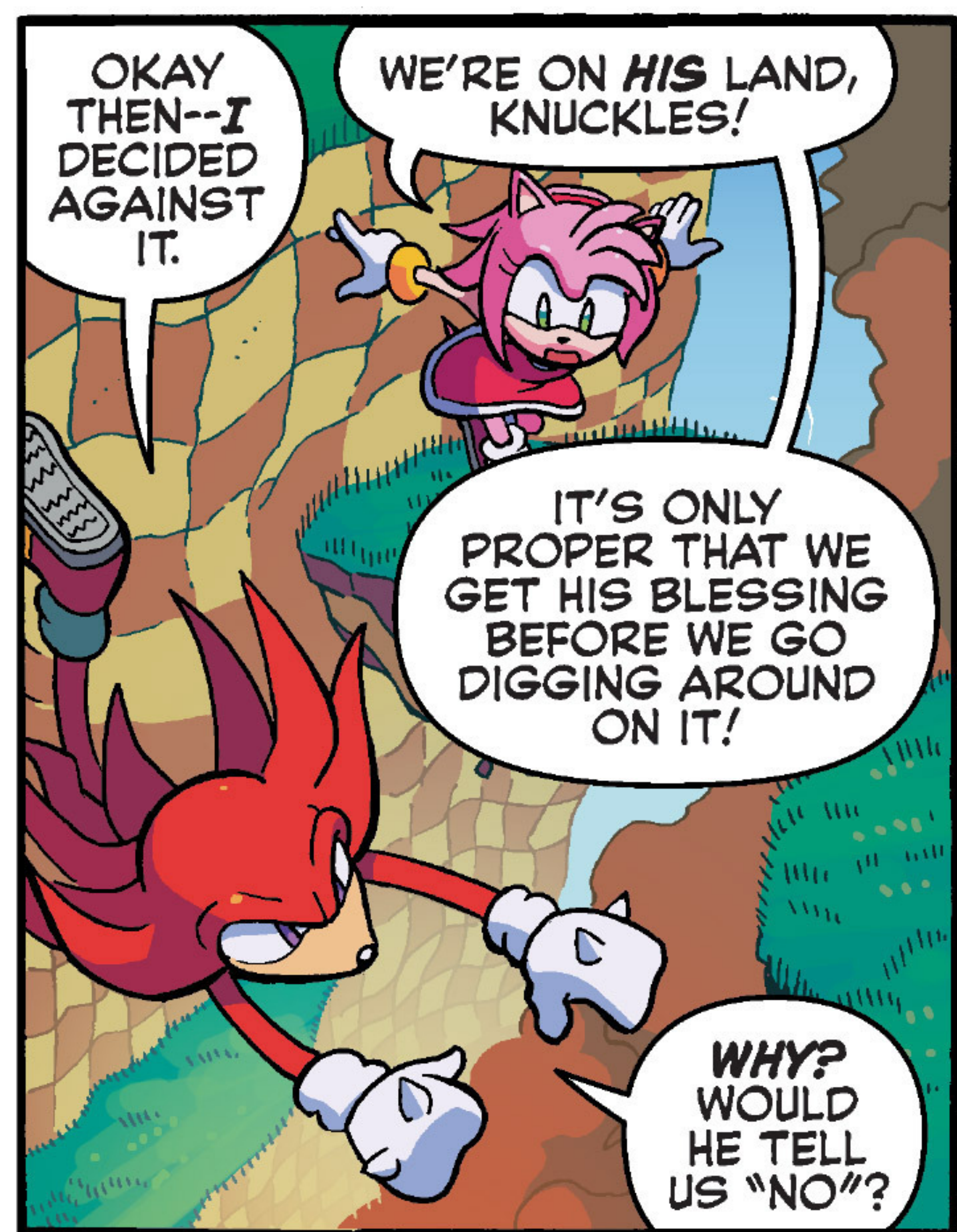
ALL RIGHT. IT'S JUST... WE DETECTED THAT THE REST OF THE SHARDS WERE ON THIS ISLAND...

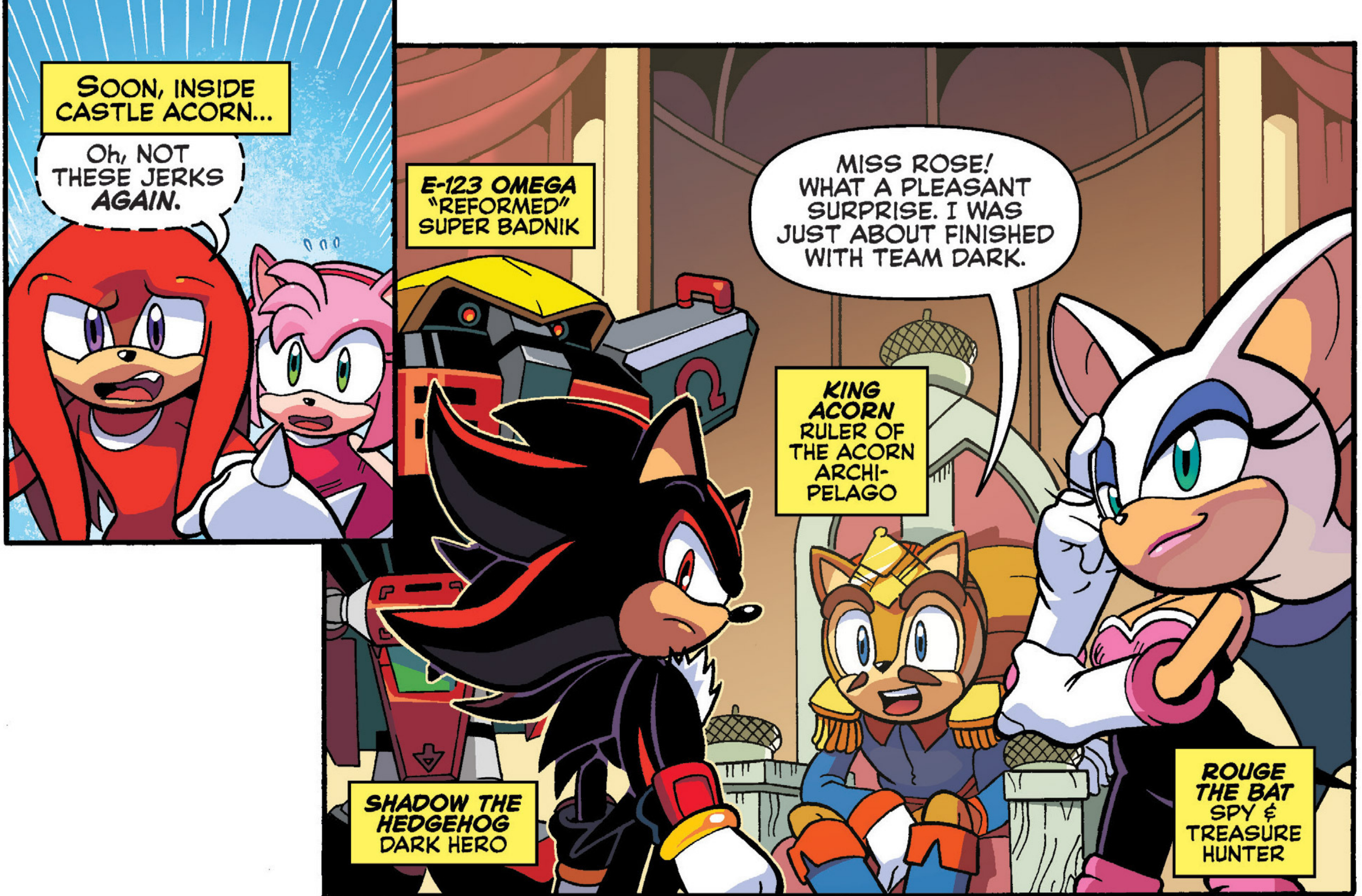
I KNOW.

AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS ARE GETTING CLOSE TO RESTORING THE WORLD...

I KNOW.







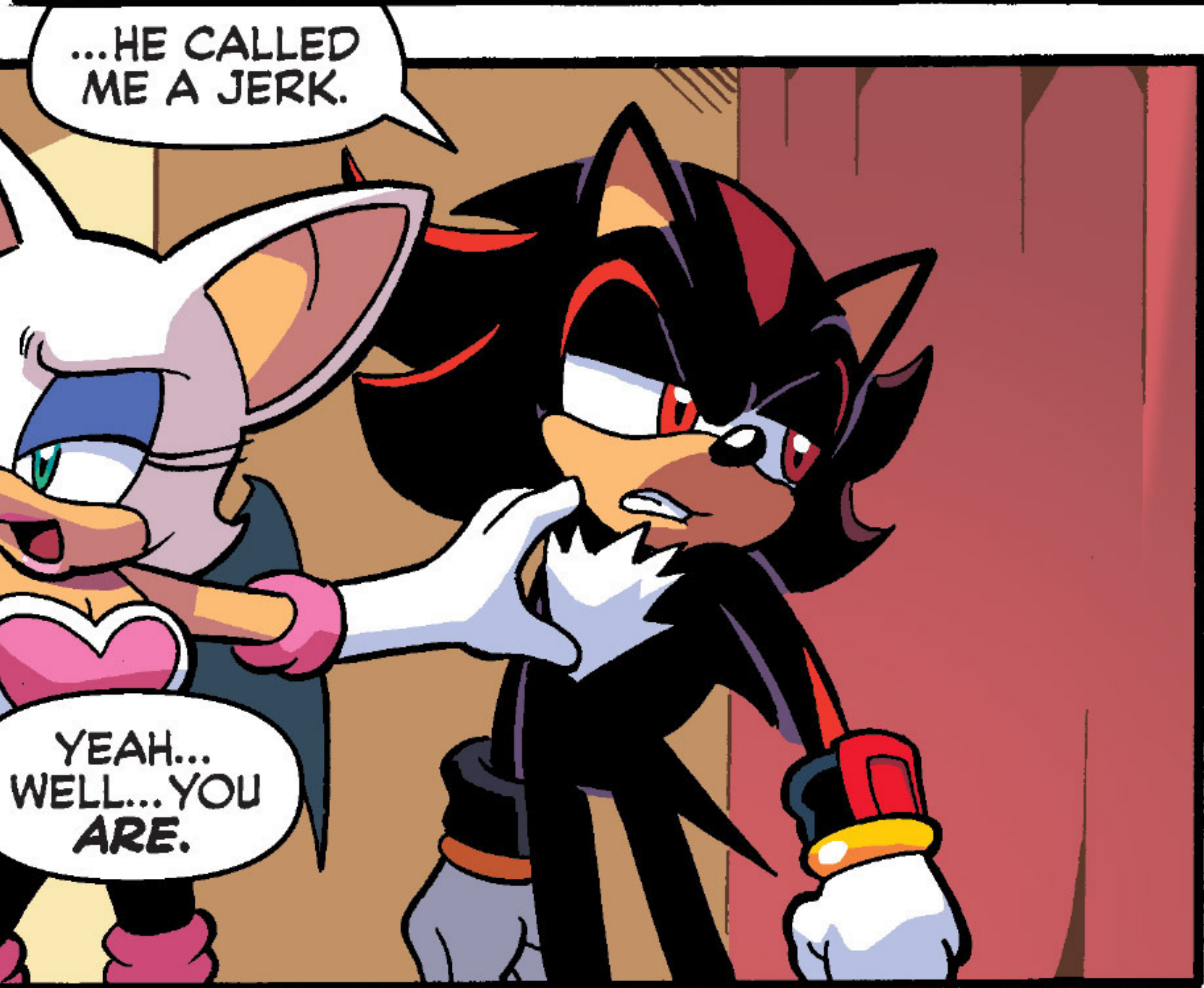
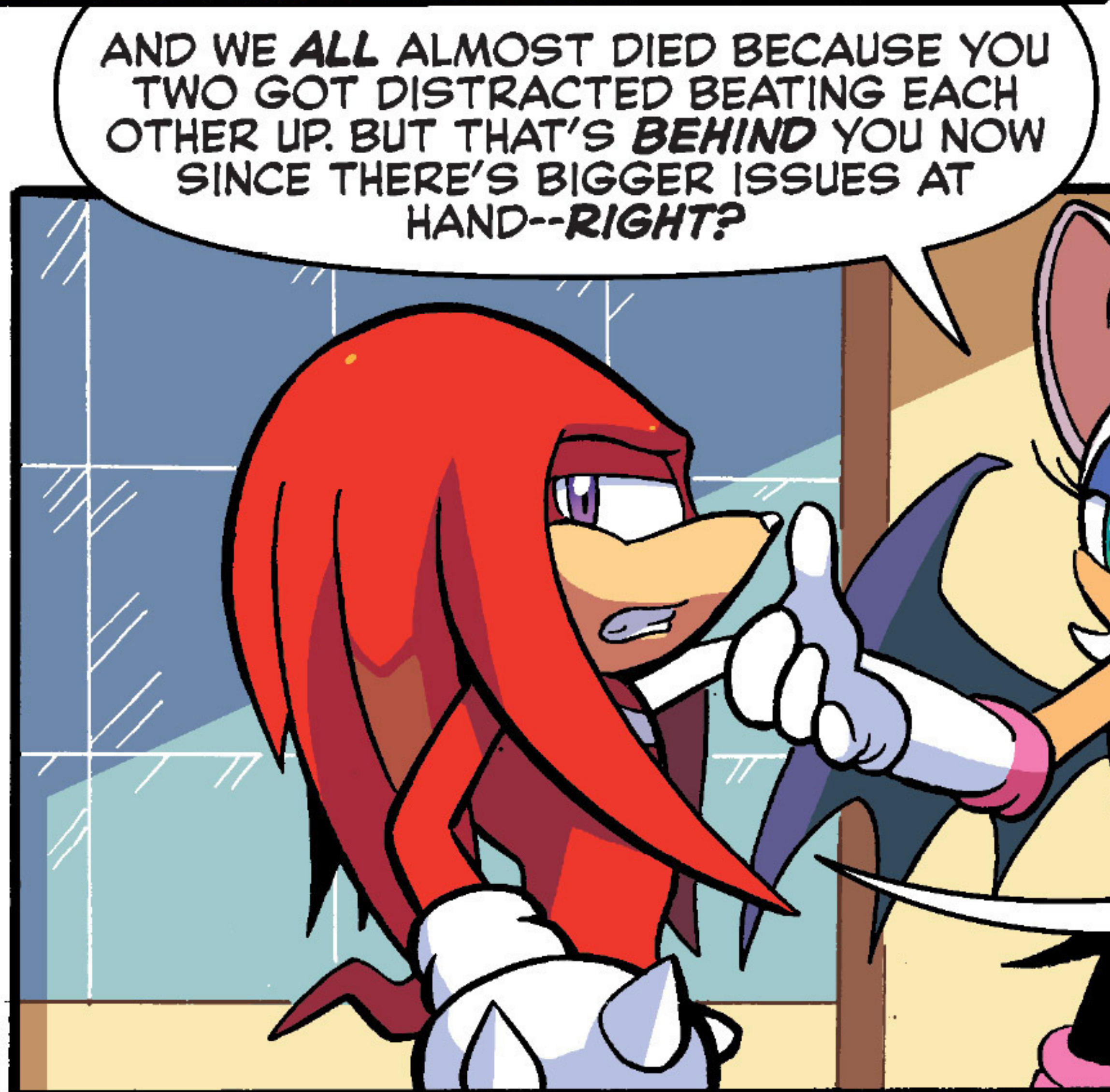
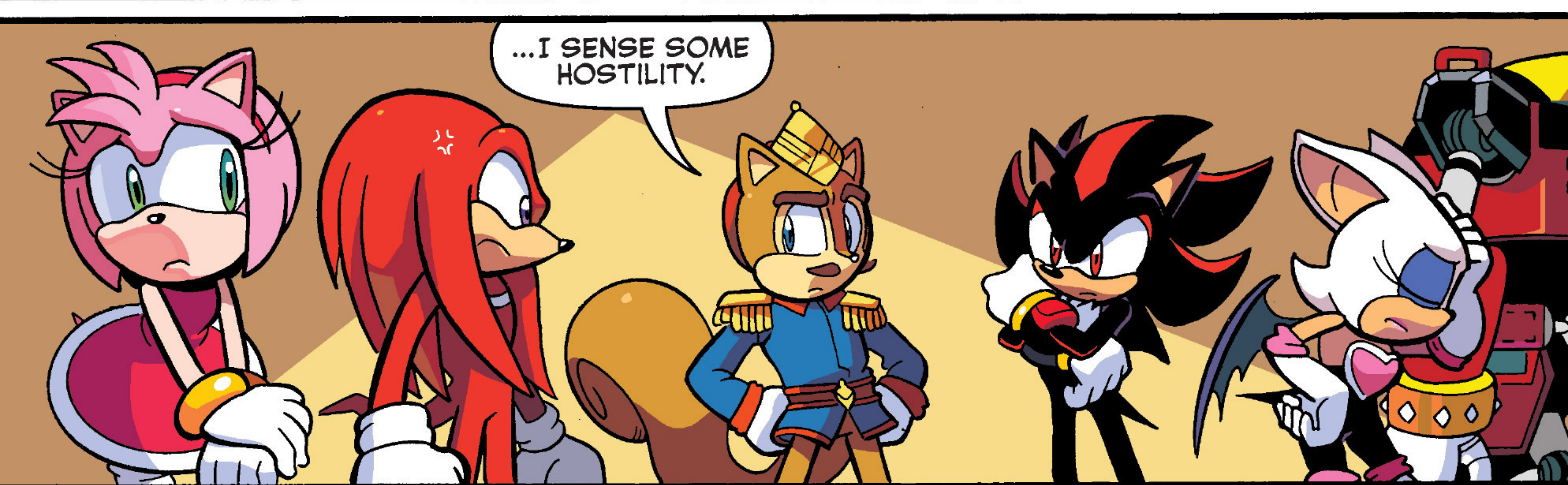
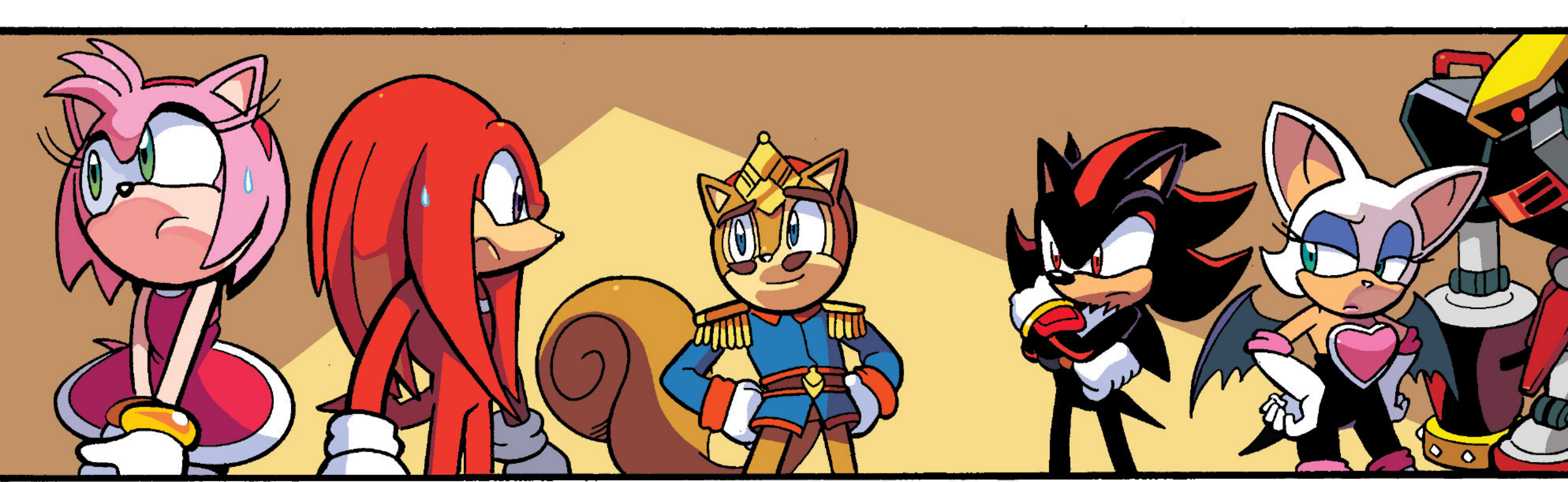
AND YOU MUST BE KNUCKLES? I DON'T BELIEVE I'VE HAD THE PLEASURE. SMASHING DUEL WITH SONIC DURING THE TOURNAMENT!*

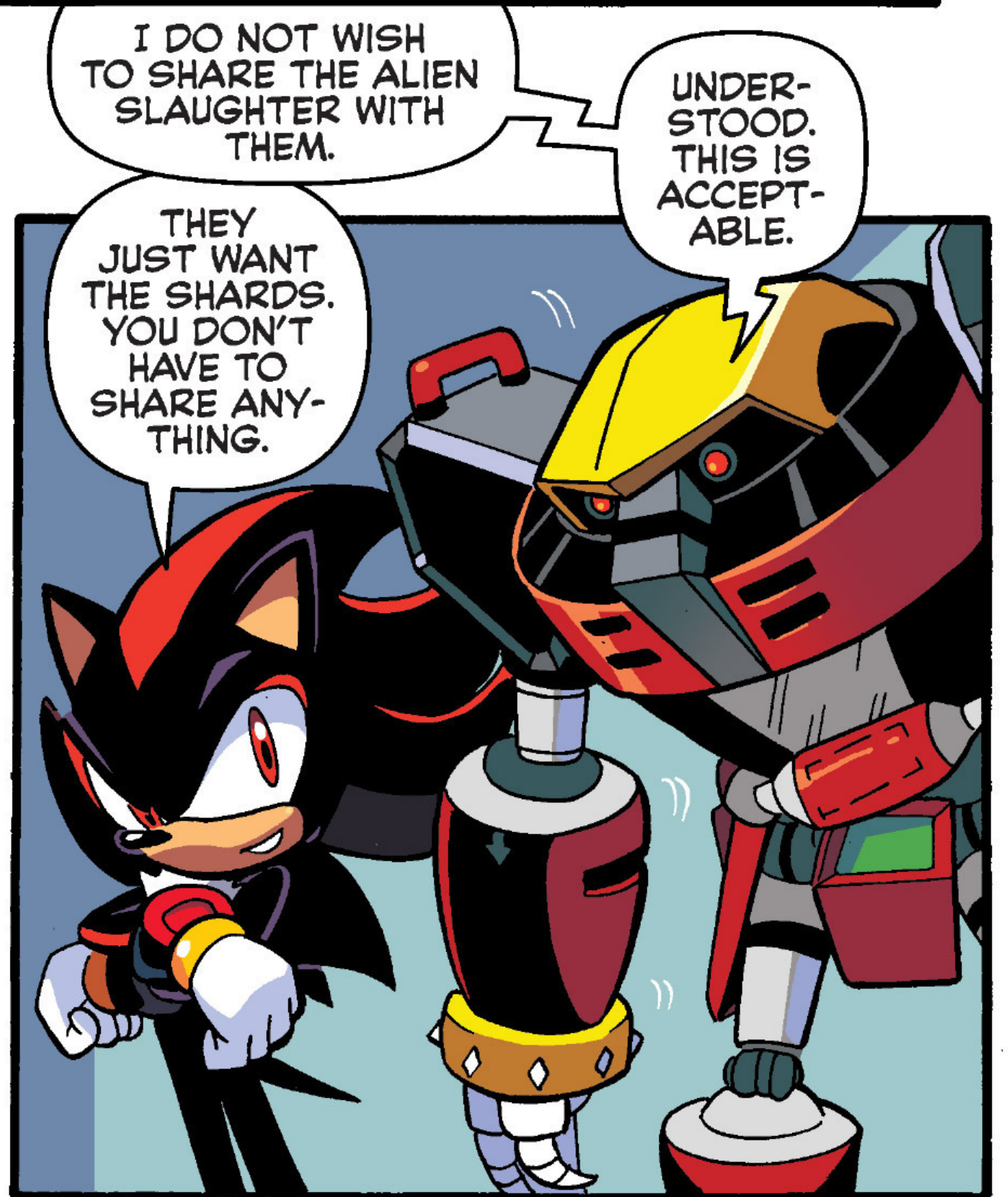
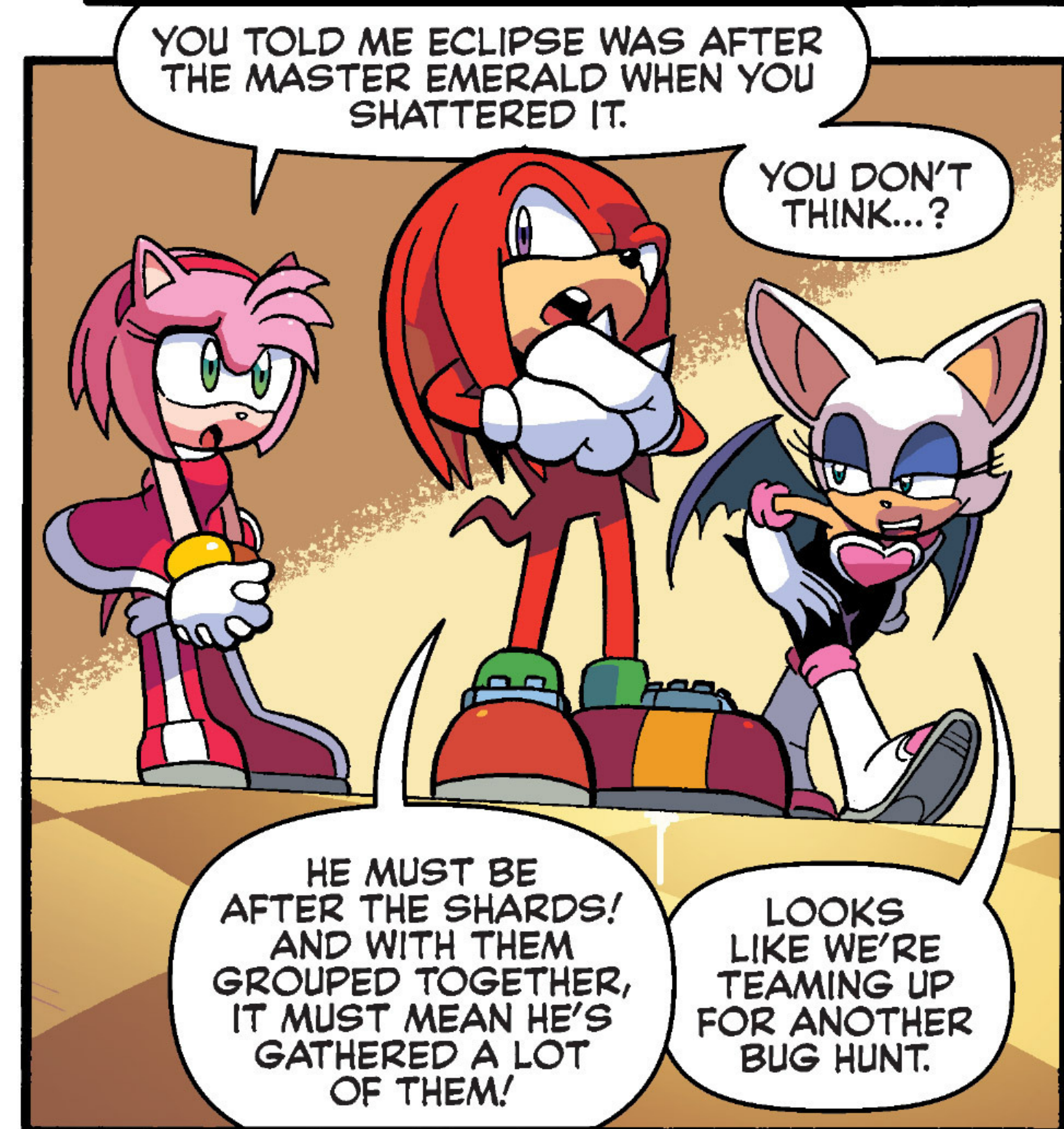
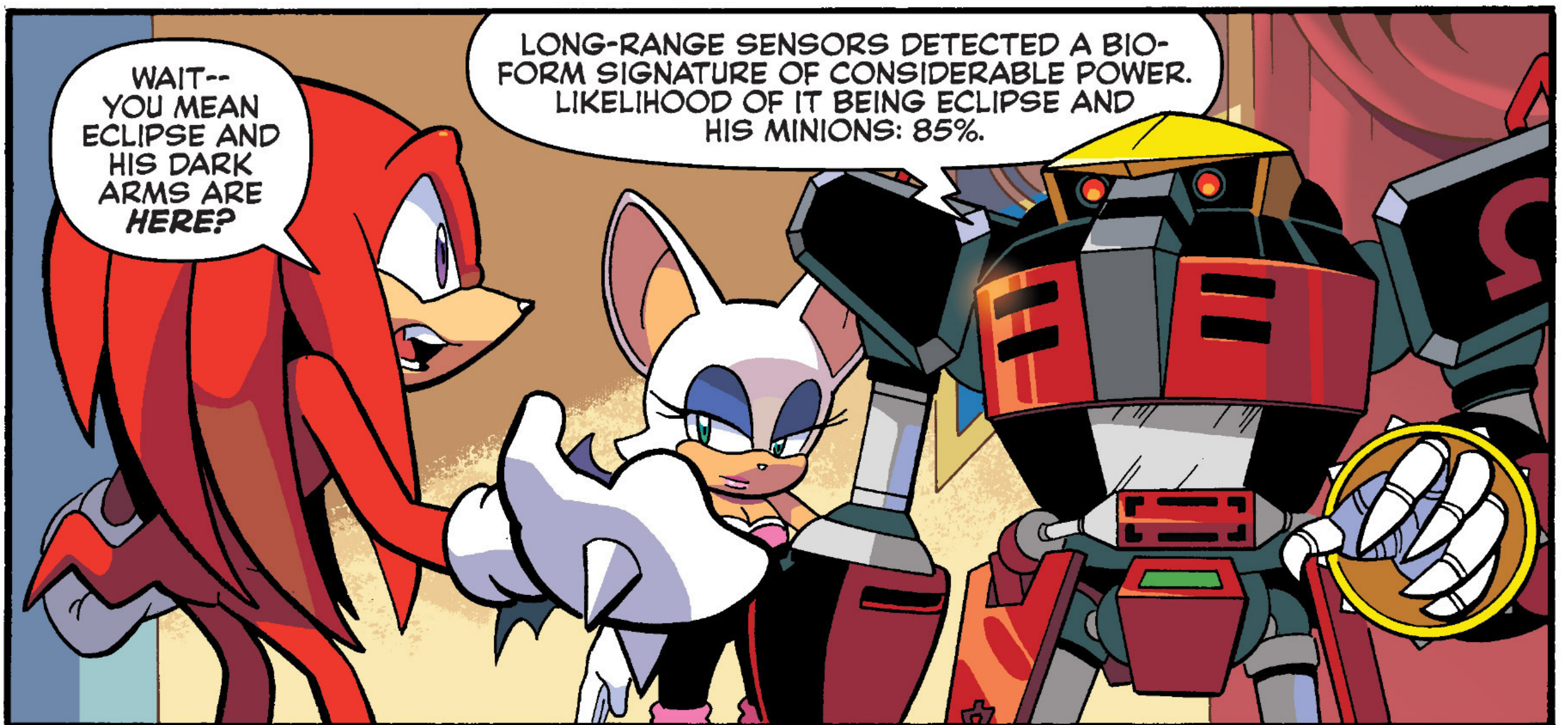
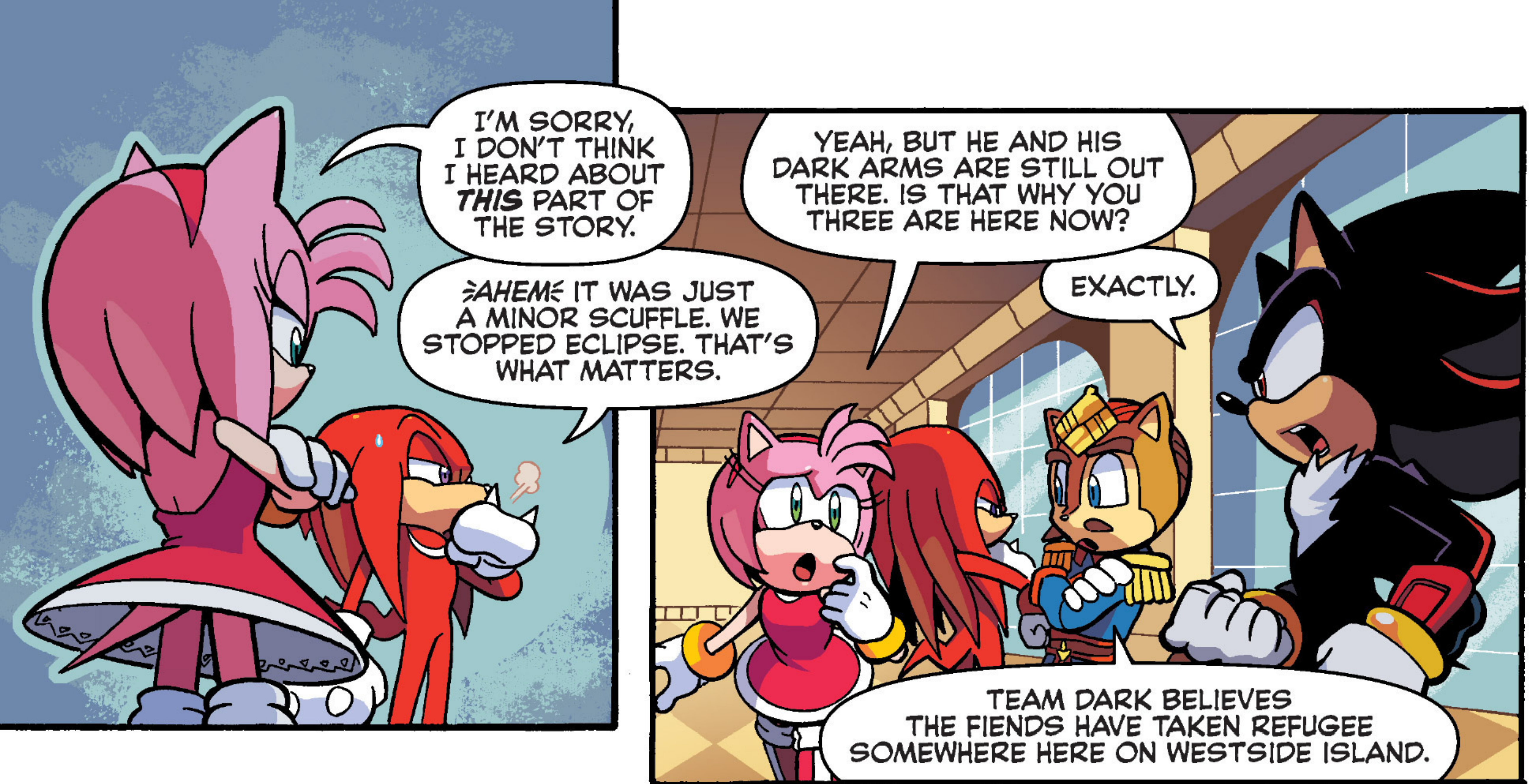
Oh, Uh, THANKS. DO I BOW OR...?

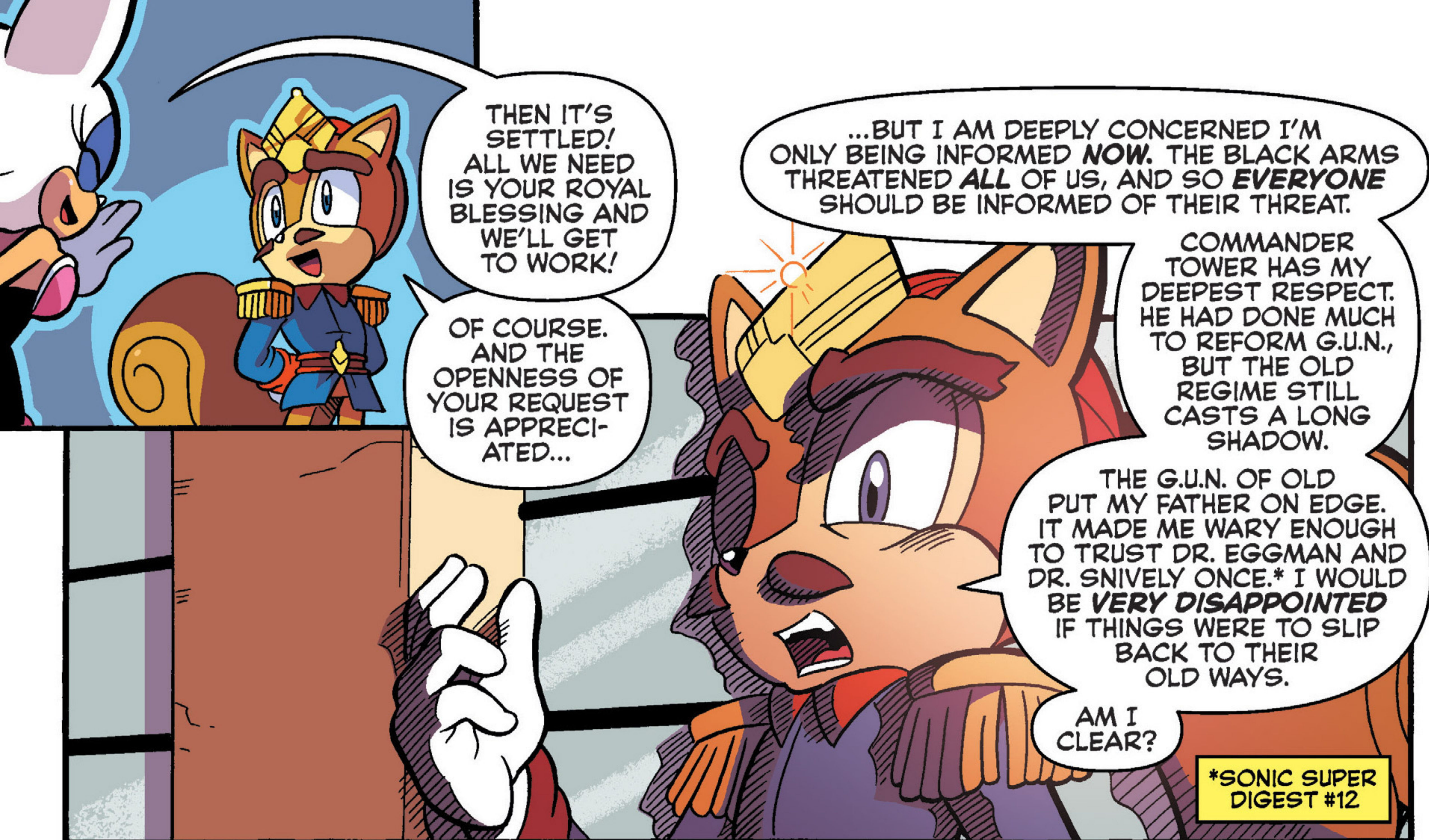
A HAND-SHAKE WILL DO.

*STH #268-271









THEN IT'S SETTLED! ALL WE NEED IS YOUR ROYAL BLESSING AND WE'LL GET TO WORK!

OF COURSE. AND THE OPENNESS OF YOUR REQUEST IS APPRECIATED...

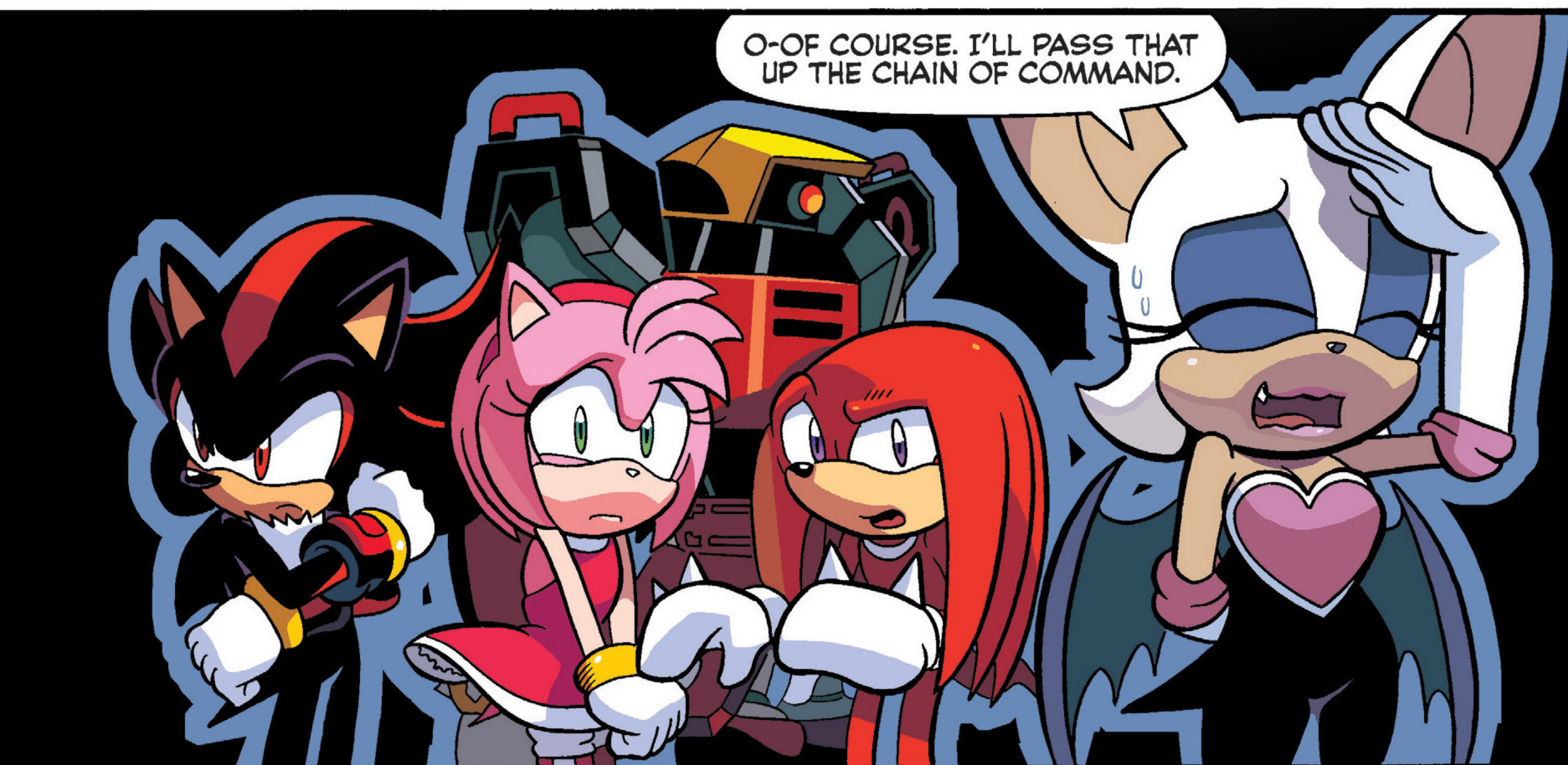
...BUT I AM DEEPLY CONCERNED I'M ONLY BEING INFORMED **NOW**. THE BLACK ARMS THREATENED **ALL** OF US, AND SO **EVERYONE** SHOULD BE INFORMED OF THEIR THREAT.

COMMANDER TOWER HAS MY DEEPEST RESPECT. HE HAD DONE MUCH TO REFORM G.U.N., BUT THE OLD REGIME STILL CASTS A LONG SHADOW.

THE G.U.N. OF OLD PUT MY FATHER ON EDGE. IT MADE ME WARY ENOUGH TO TRUST DR. EGGMAN AND DR. SNIVELY ONCE.* I WOULD BE **VERY DISAPPOINTED** IF THINGS WERE TO SLIP BACK TO THEIR OLD WAYS.

AM I CLEAR?

*SONIC SUPER DIGEST #12

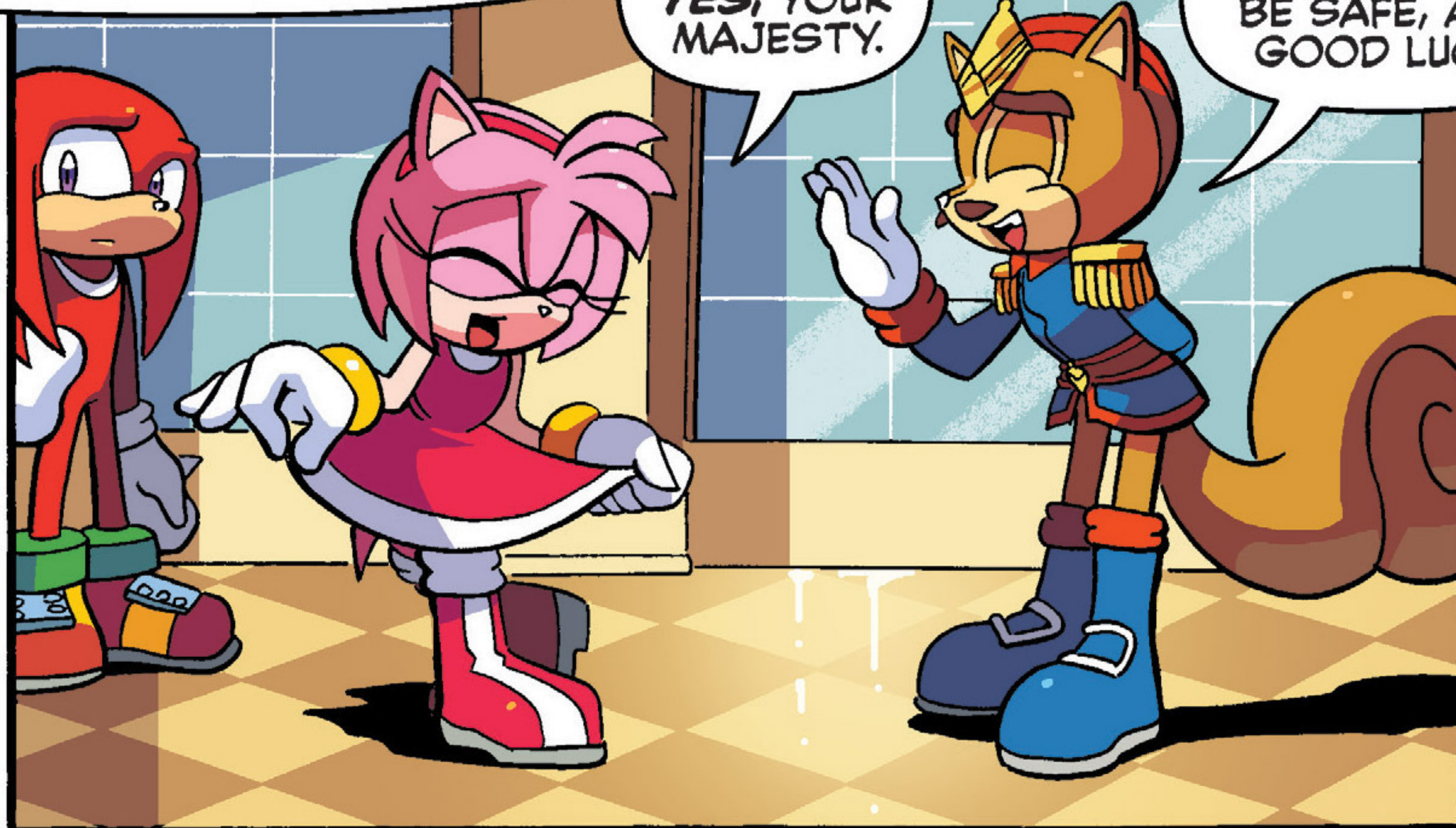


O-OF COURSE. I'LL PASS THAT UP THE CHAIN OF COMMAND.

SMASHING! MISS ROSE, WOULD YOU BE SO KIND AS TO ACT AS THE KINGDOM'S LIAISON DURING THE MISSIONS?

SURE! I MEAN-- **YES**, YOUR MAJESTY.

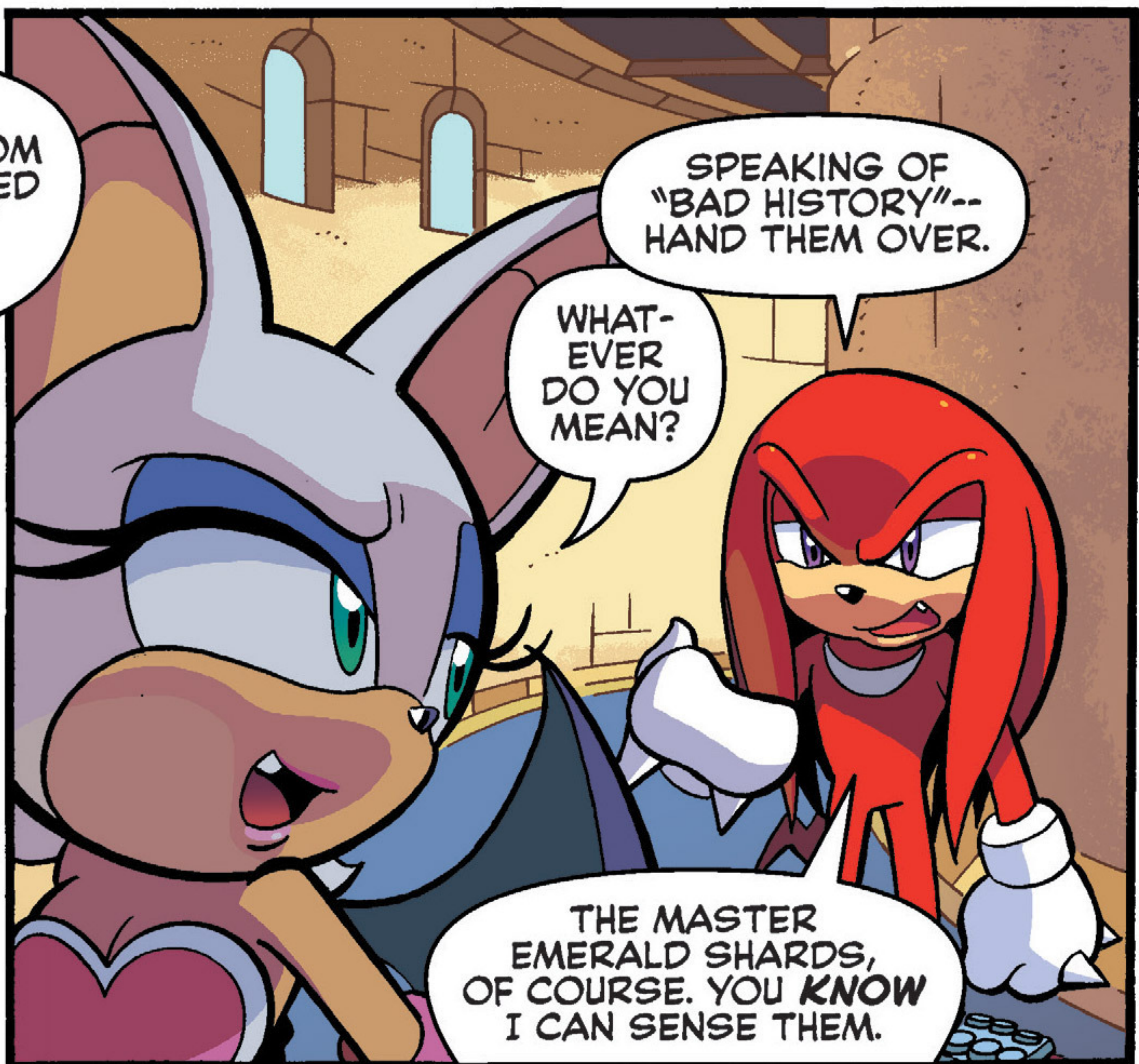
YOU HAVE OUR ROYAL THANKS. BE SAFE, AND GOOD LUCK.





BRRR!
WHAT WAS *THAT*?
HE ALWAYS COMES
ACROSS AS SUCH
A JOLLY GUY...

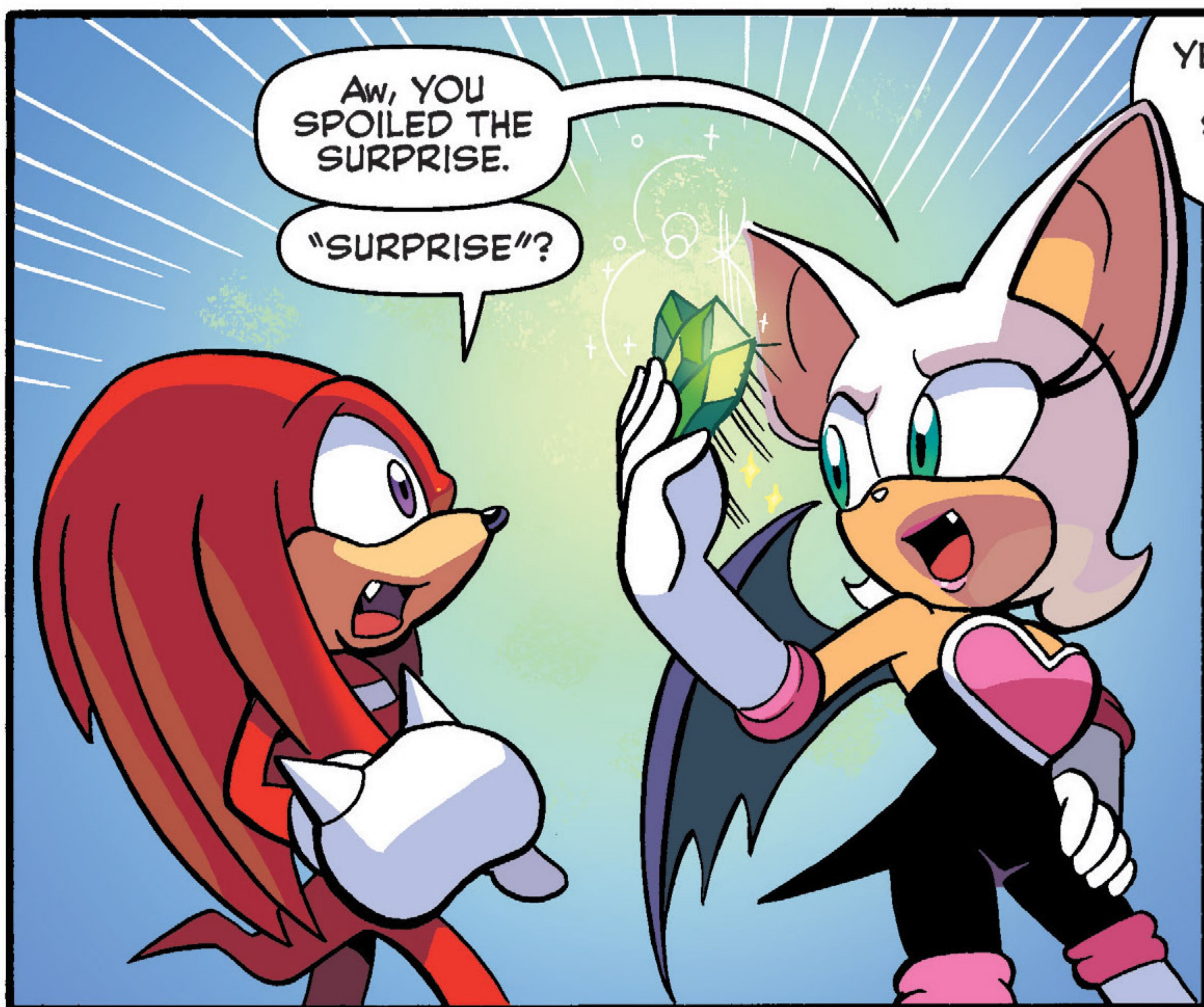
I KNOW, RIGHT?
I GUESS THE KINGDOM
OF ACORN AND UNITED
FEDERATION MUST
HAVE SOME BAD
HISTORY...?



SPEAKING OF
"BAD HISTORY"--
HAND THEM OVER.

WHAT-
EVER
DO YOU
MEAN?

THE MASTER
EMERALD SHARDS,
OF COURSE. YOU *KNOW*
I CAN SENSE THEM.



Aw, YOU
SPOILED THE
SURPRISE.

"SURPRISE"?

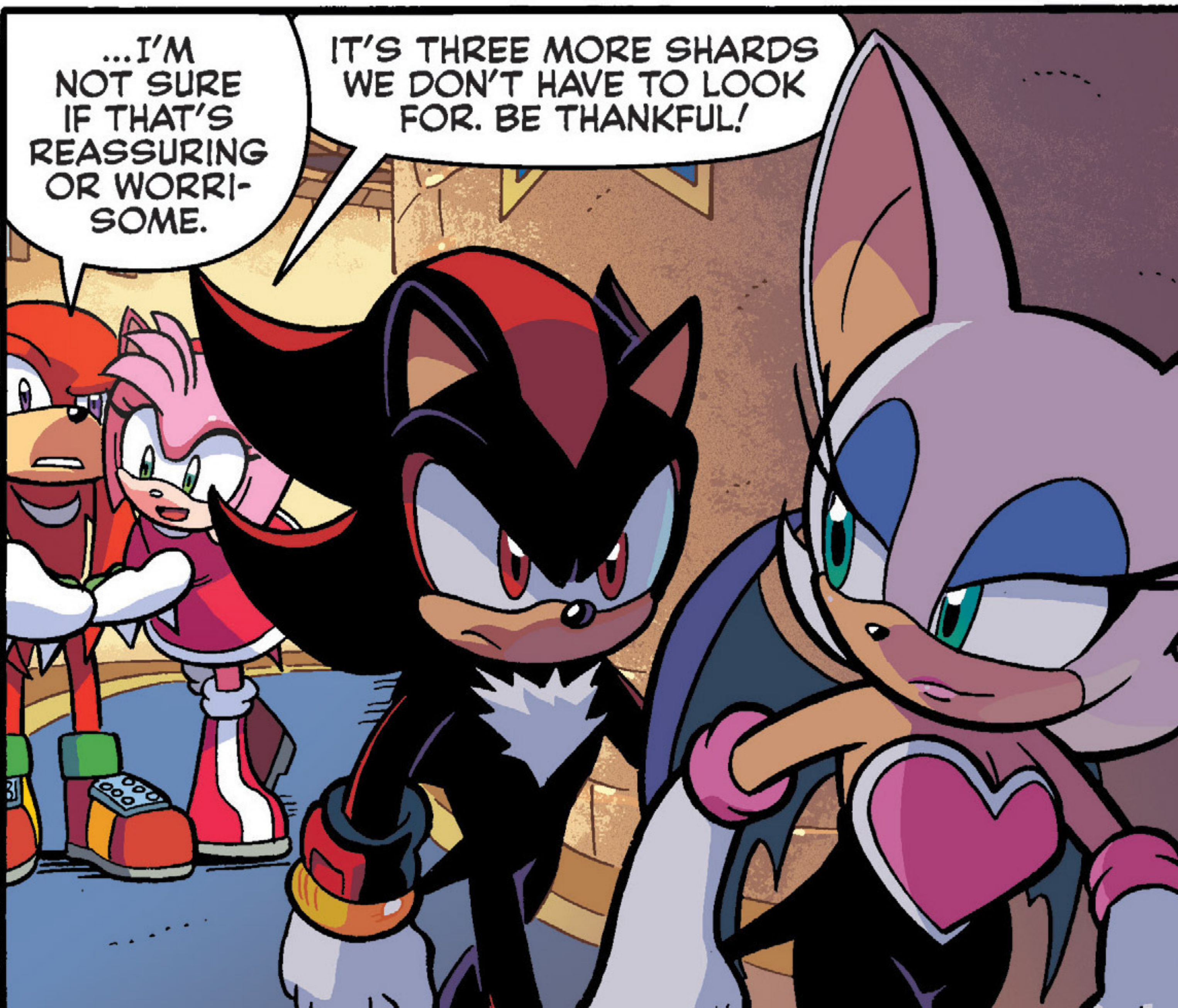
YES. I FOUND THEM WHILE WE WERE
HUNTING ECLIPSE. I WANTED TO
SURPRISE YOU WITH THEM ONCE
YOU'D FOUND THE OTHERS.
Oh, WELL--SPOIL SPORT.



YOU'RE--
OOP!--JUST
GIVING THEM
TO ME?

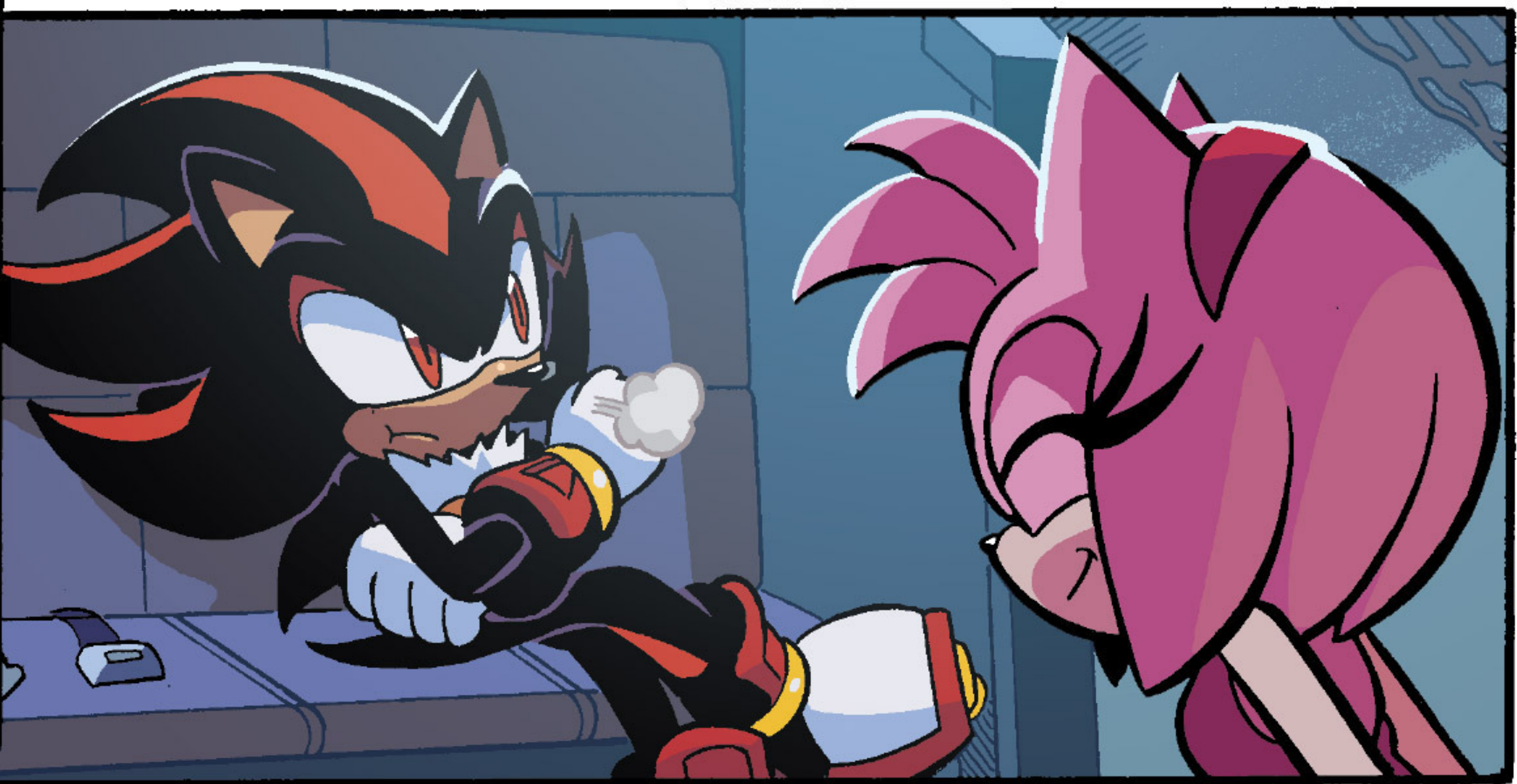
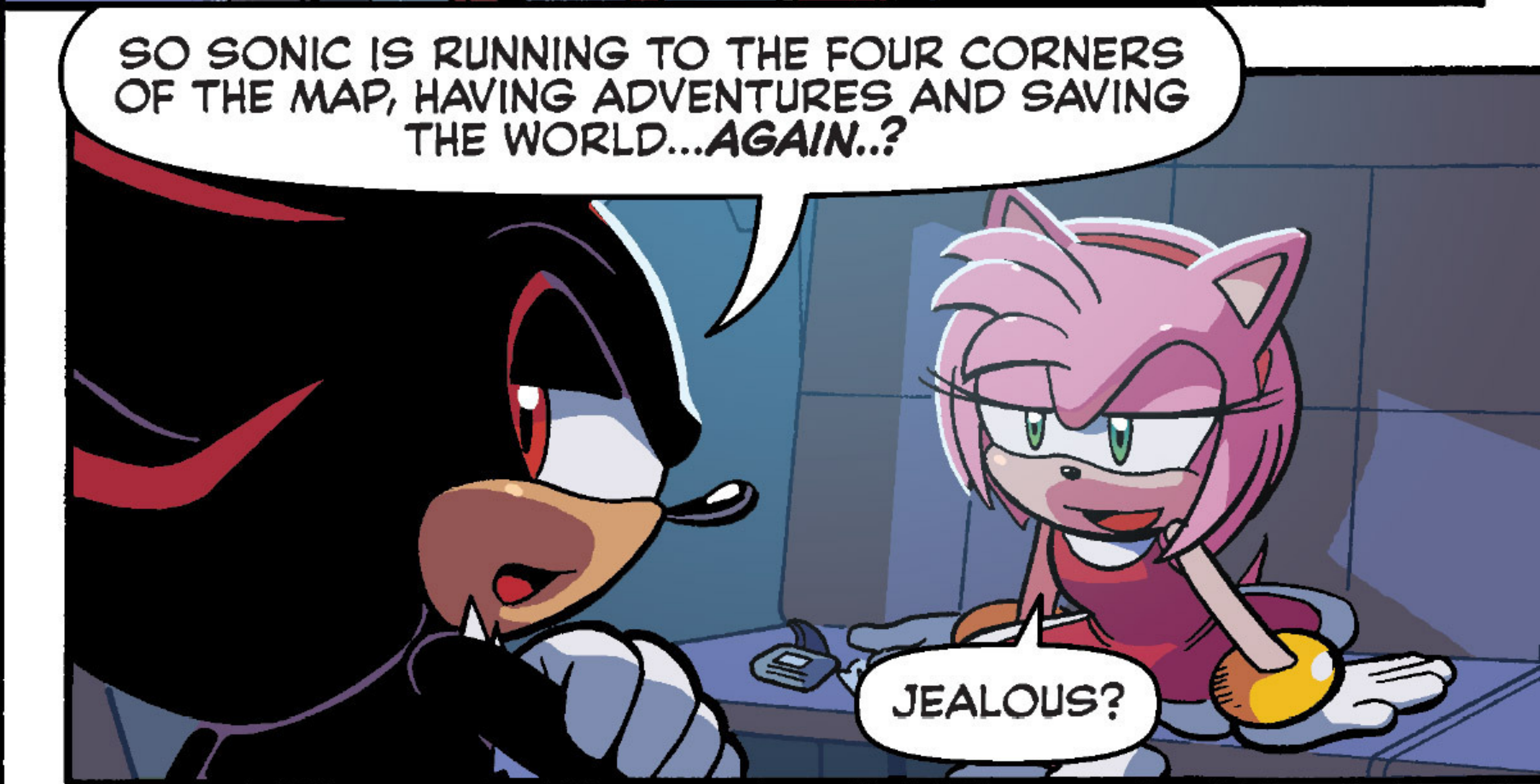
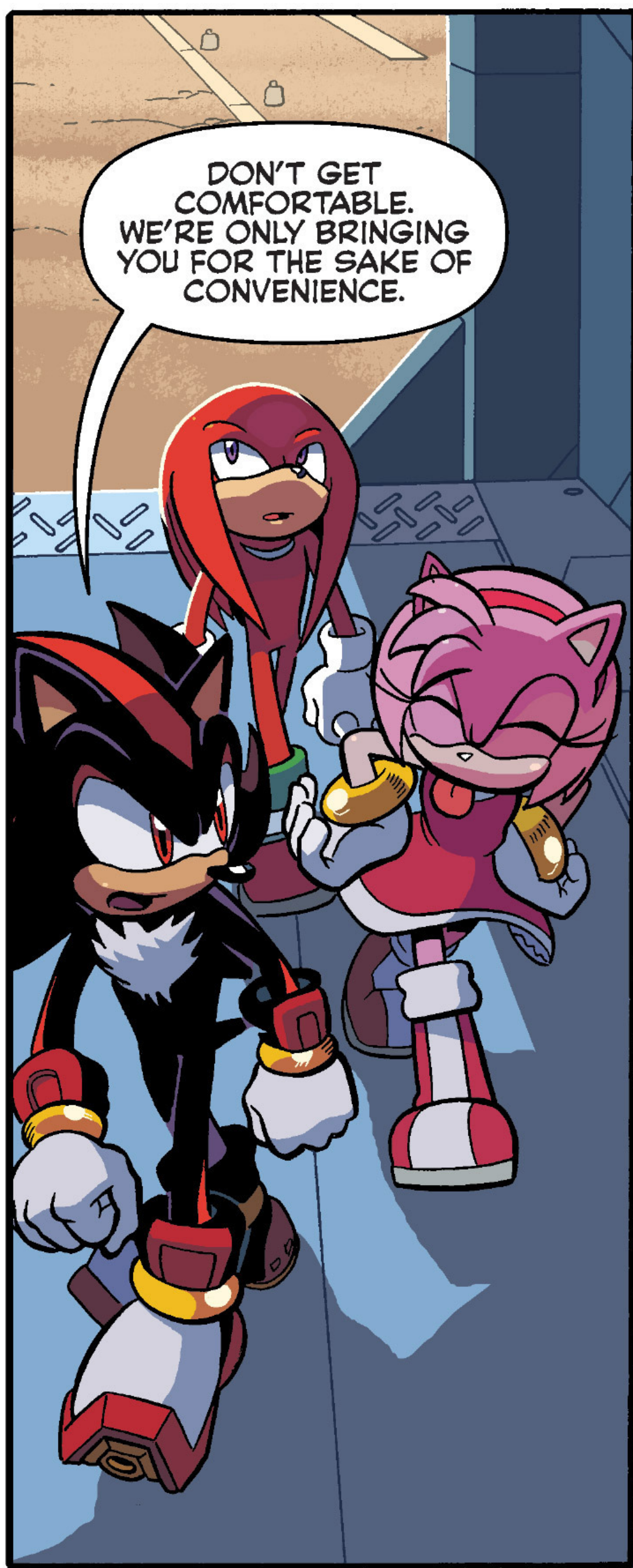
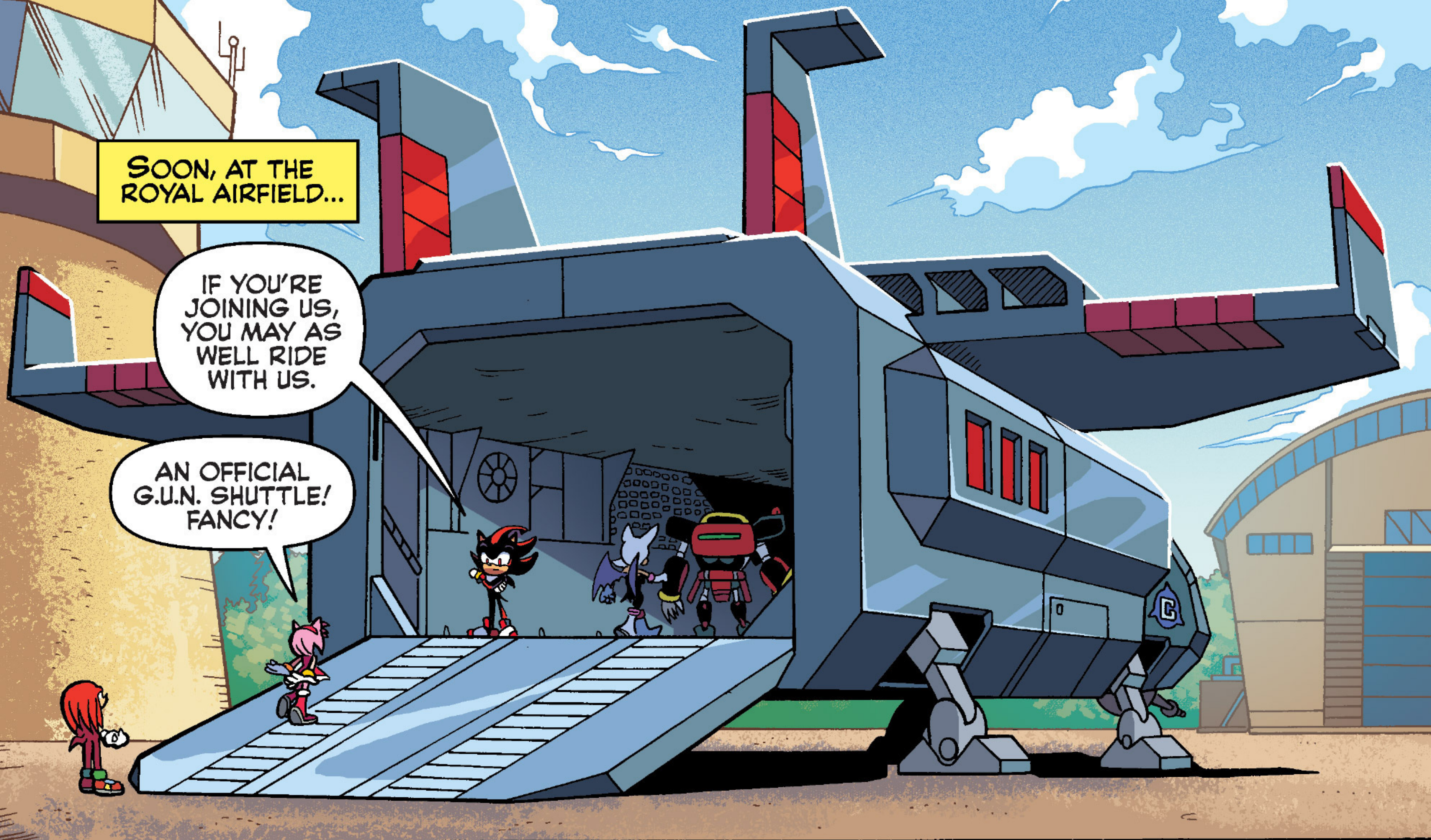


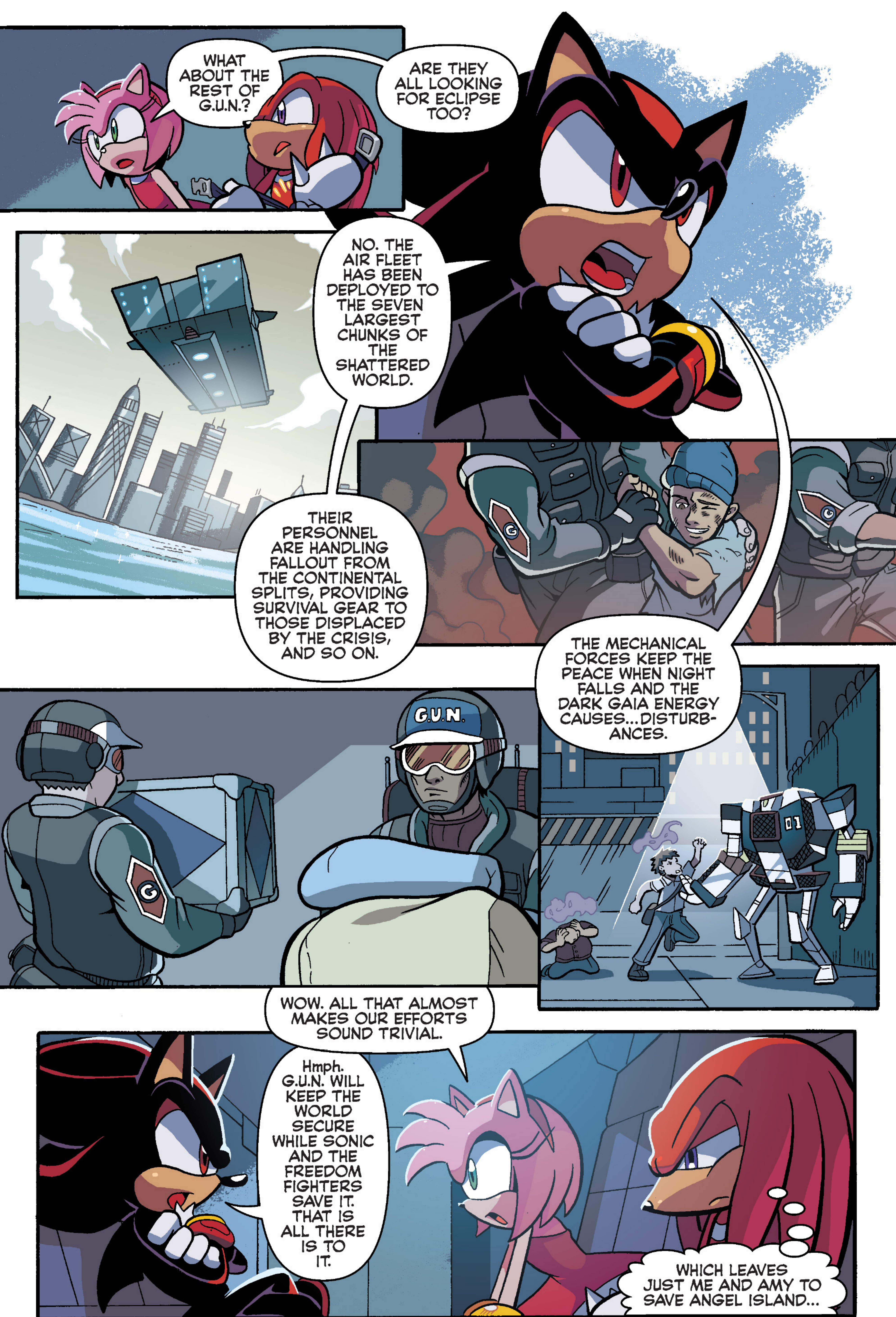
I'VE GOT A JOB
TO FOCUS ON,
HANDSOME. I CAN'T
CHASE AFTER
YOUR EMERALD
RIGHT NOW.



...I'M
NOT SURE
IF THAT'S
REASSURING
OR WORRI-
SOME.

IT'S THREE MORE SHARDS
WE DON'T HAVE TO LOOK
FOR. BE THANKFUL!





WHAT ABOUT THE REST OF G.U.N.?

ARE THEY ALL LOOKING FOR ECLIPSE TOO?

NO. THE AIR FLEET HAS BEEN DEPLOYED TO THE SEVEN LARGEST CHUNKS OF THE SHATTERED WORLD.

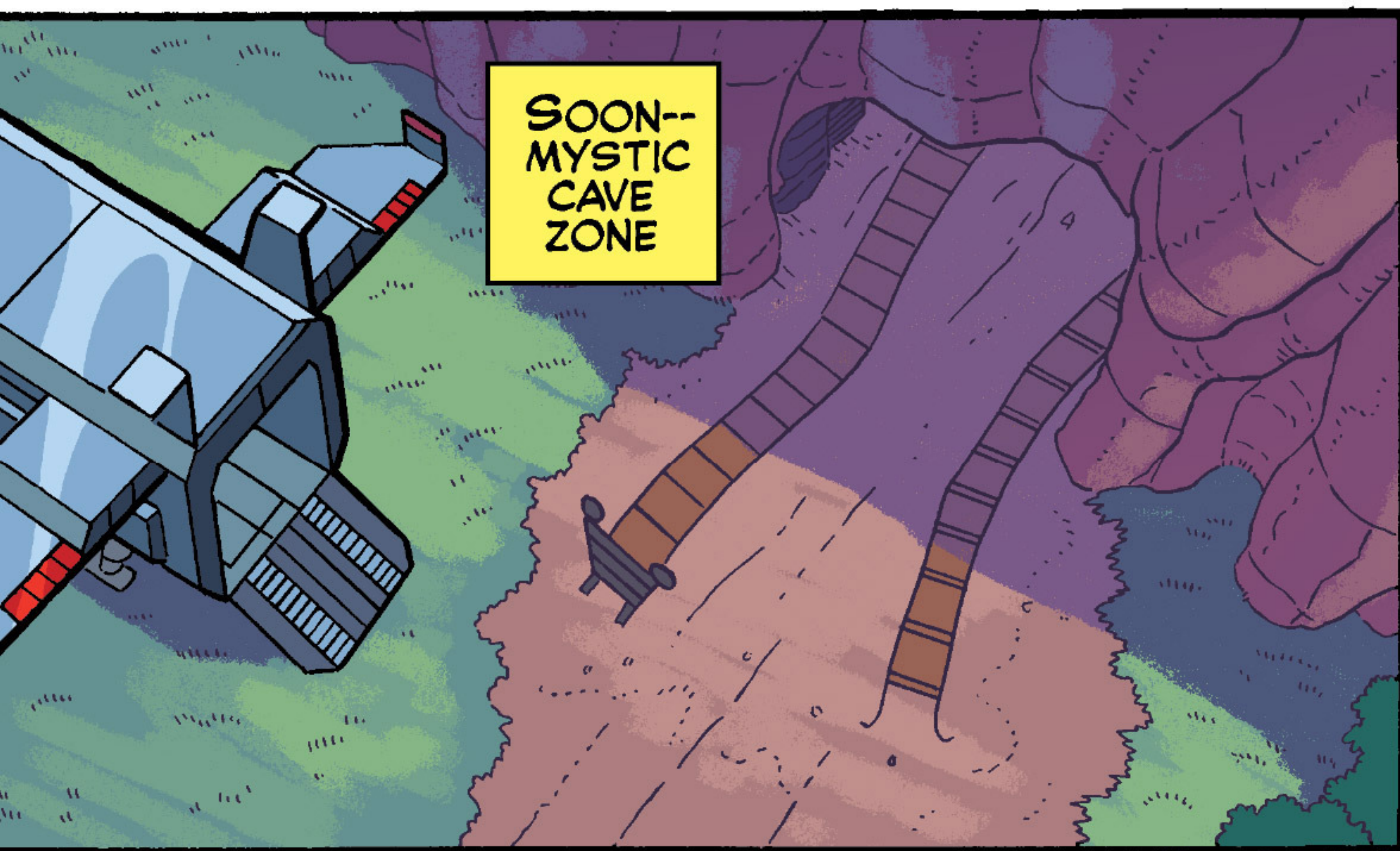
THEIR PERSONNEL ARE HANDLING FALLOUT FROM THE CONTINENTAL SPLITS, PROVIDING SURVIVAL GEAR TO THOSE DISPLACED BY THE CRISIS, AND SO ON.

THE MECHANICAL FORCES KEEP THE PEACE WHEN NIGHT FALLS AND THE DARK GAIA ENERGY CAUSES...DISTURBANCES.

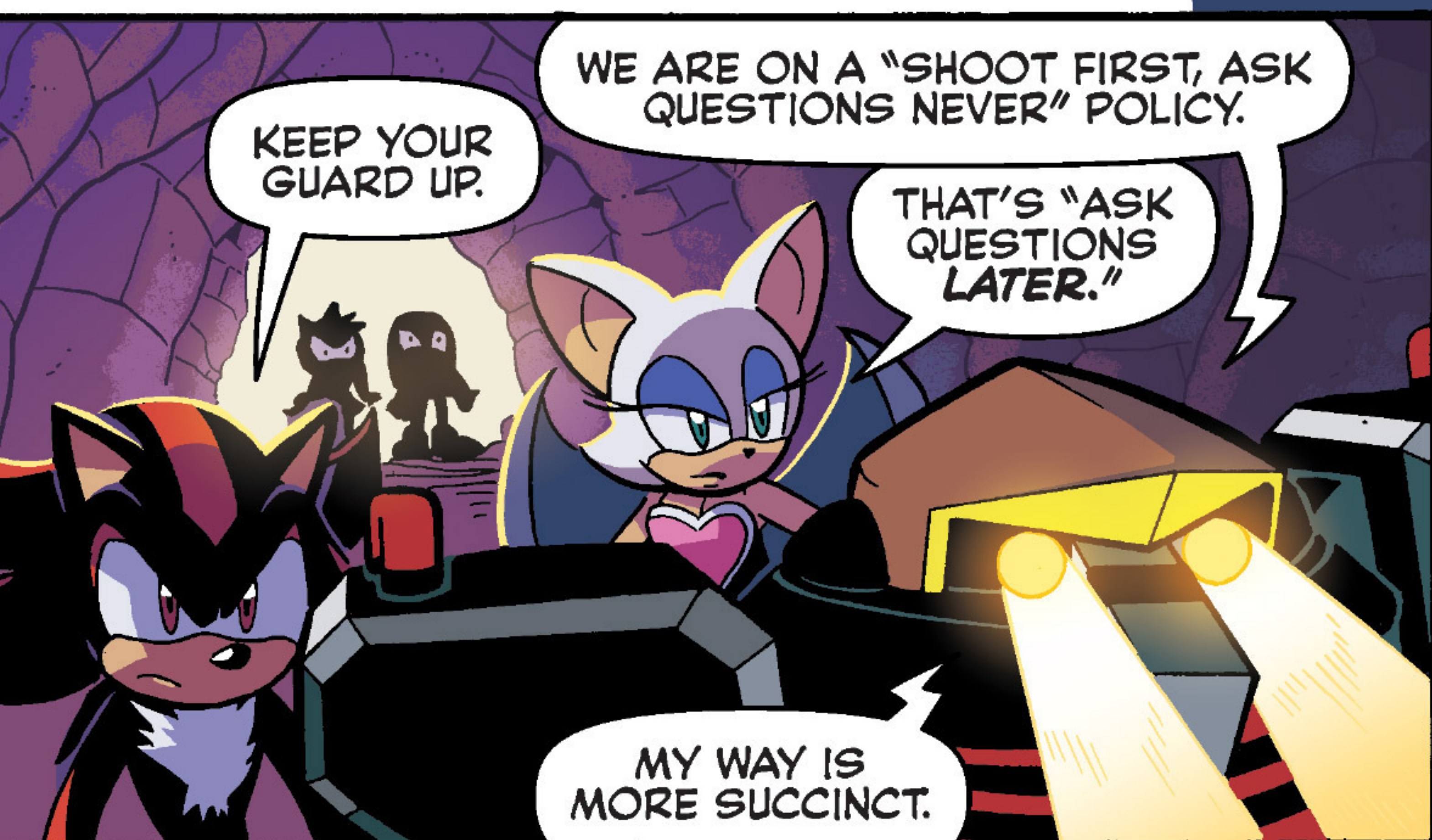
WOW. ALL THAT ALMOST MAKES OUR EFFORTS SOUND TRIVIAL.

Hmph. G.U.N. WILL KEEP THE WORLD SECURE WHILE SONIC AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS SAVE IT. THAT IS ALL THERE IS TO IT.

WHICH LEAVES JUST ME AND AMY TO SAVE ANGEL ISLAND...



SOON--
MYSTIC
CAVE
ZONE



KEEP YOUR
GUARD UP.

WE ARE ON A "SHOOT FIRST, ASK
QUESTIONS NEVER" POLICY.

THAT'S "ASK
QUESTIONS
LATER."

MY WAY IS
MORE SUCCINCT.

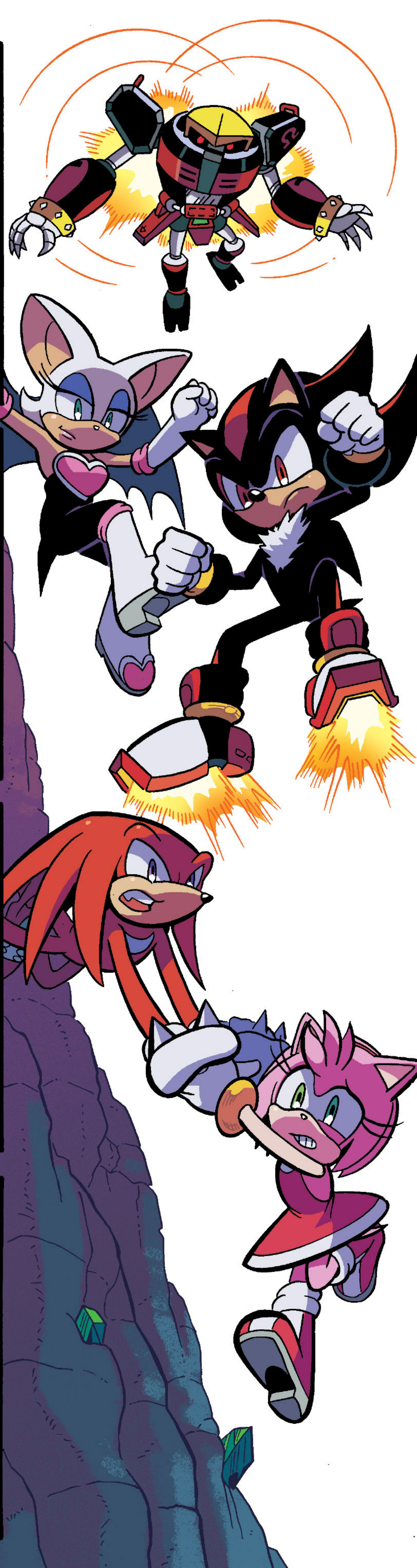


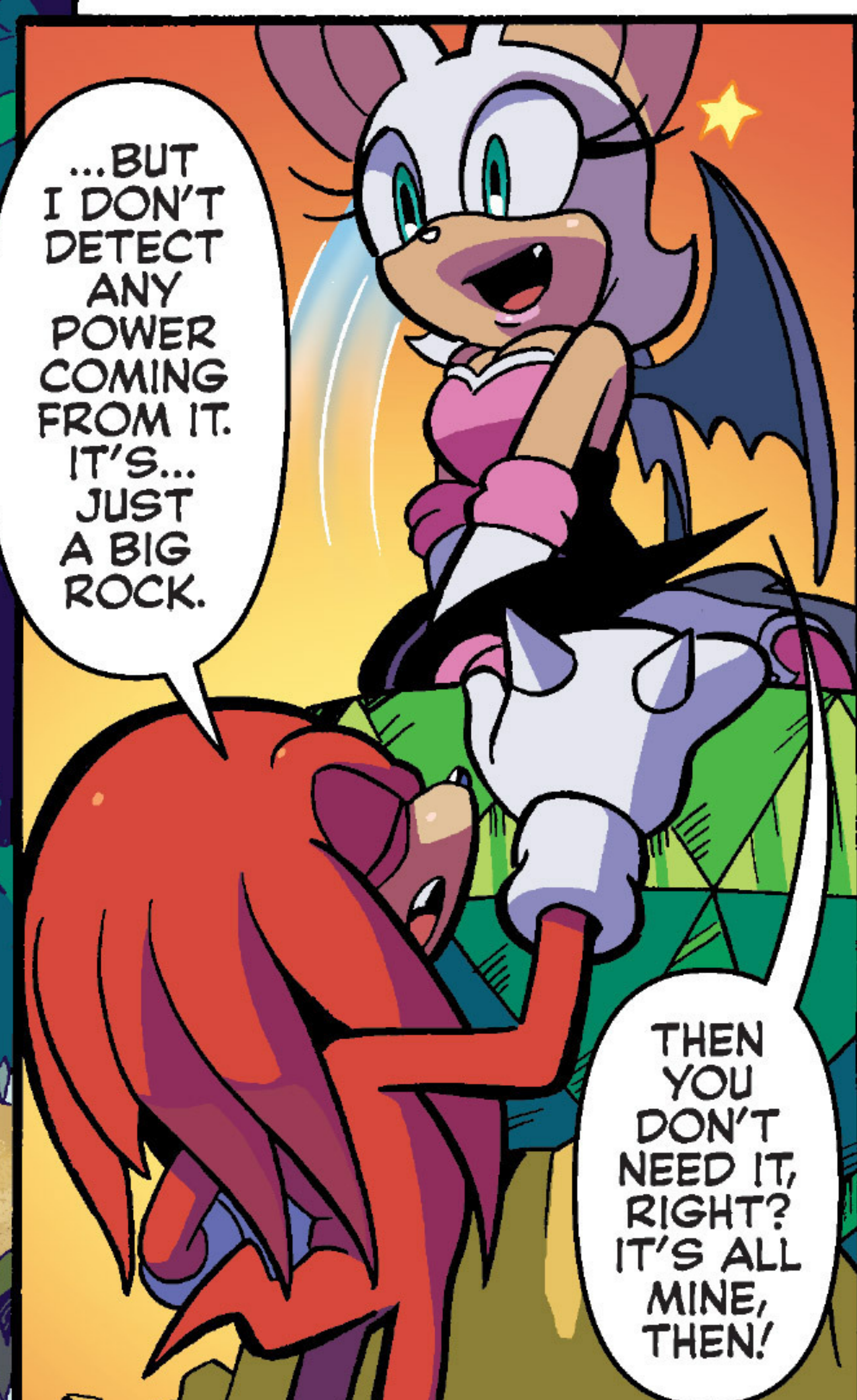
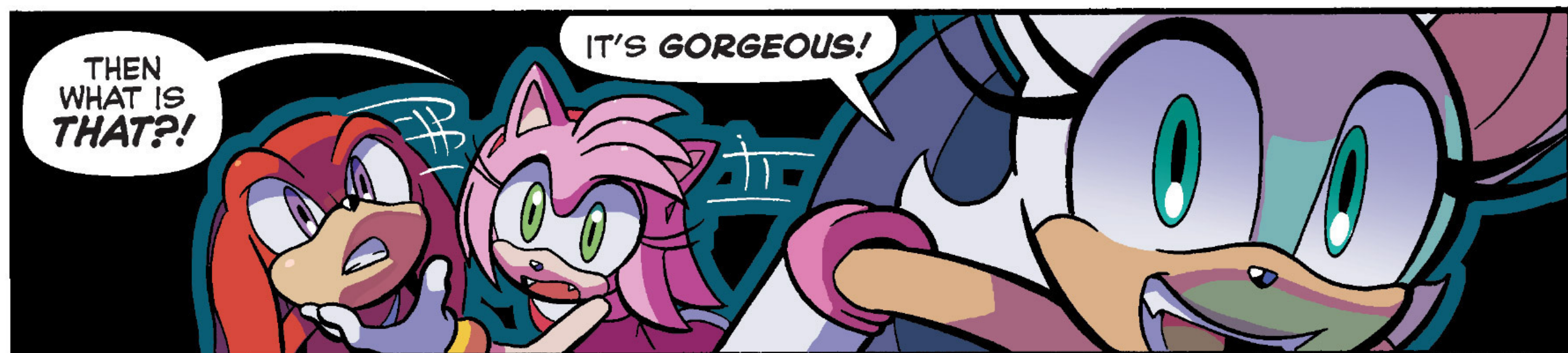
BIOFORM
SIGNATURE
DETECTED
FURTHER
DOWN.

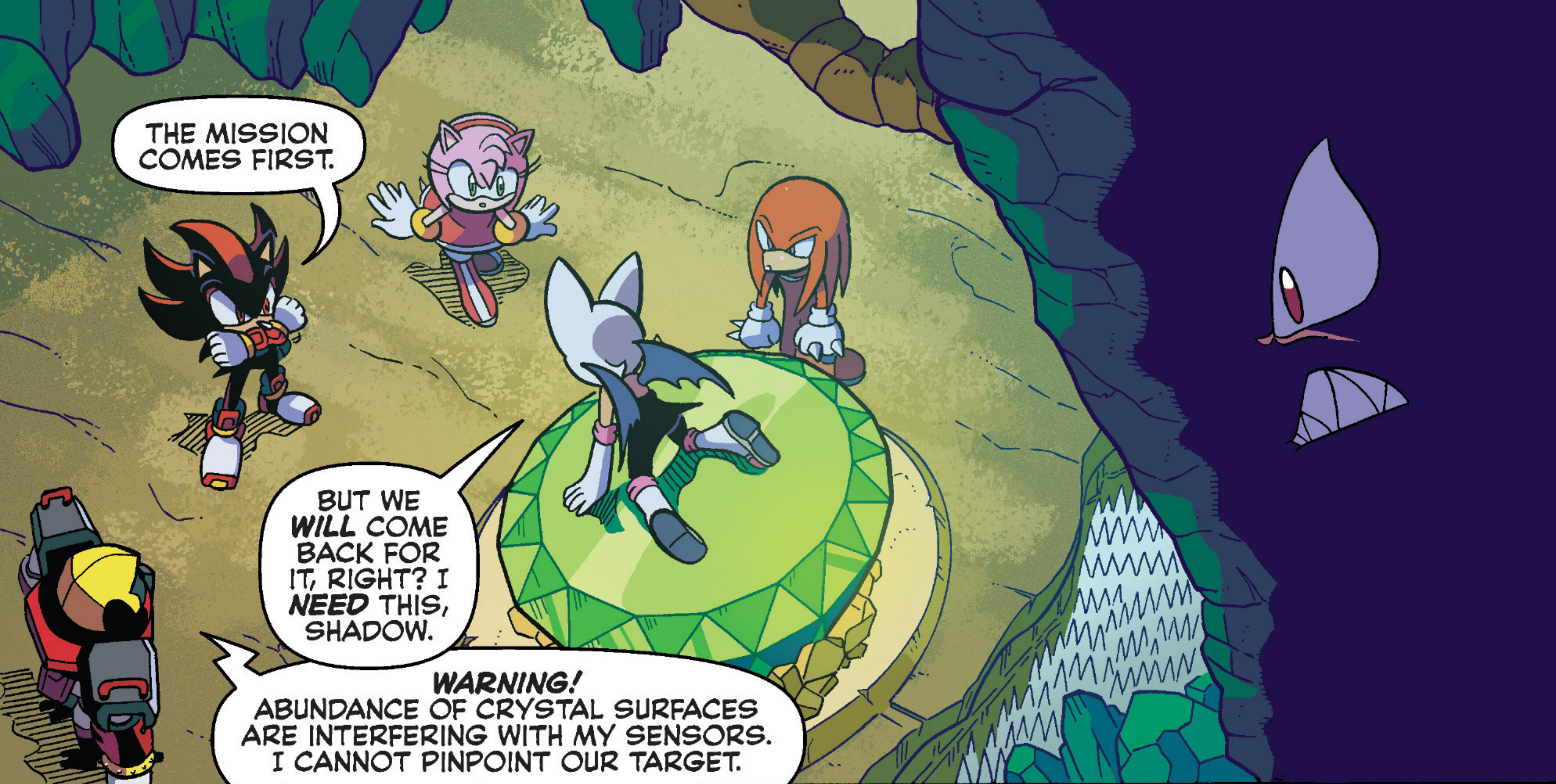


KNUCKLES?

I CAN SENSE
THE LAST THREE
SHARDS... THEY'RE
DOWN THERE.



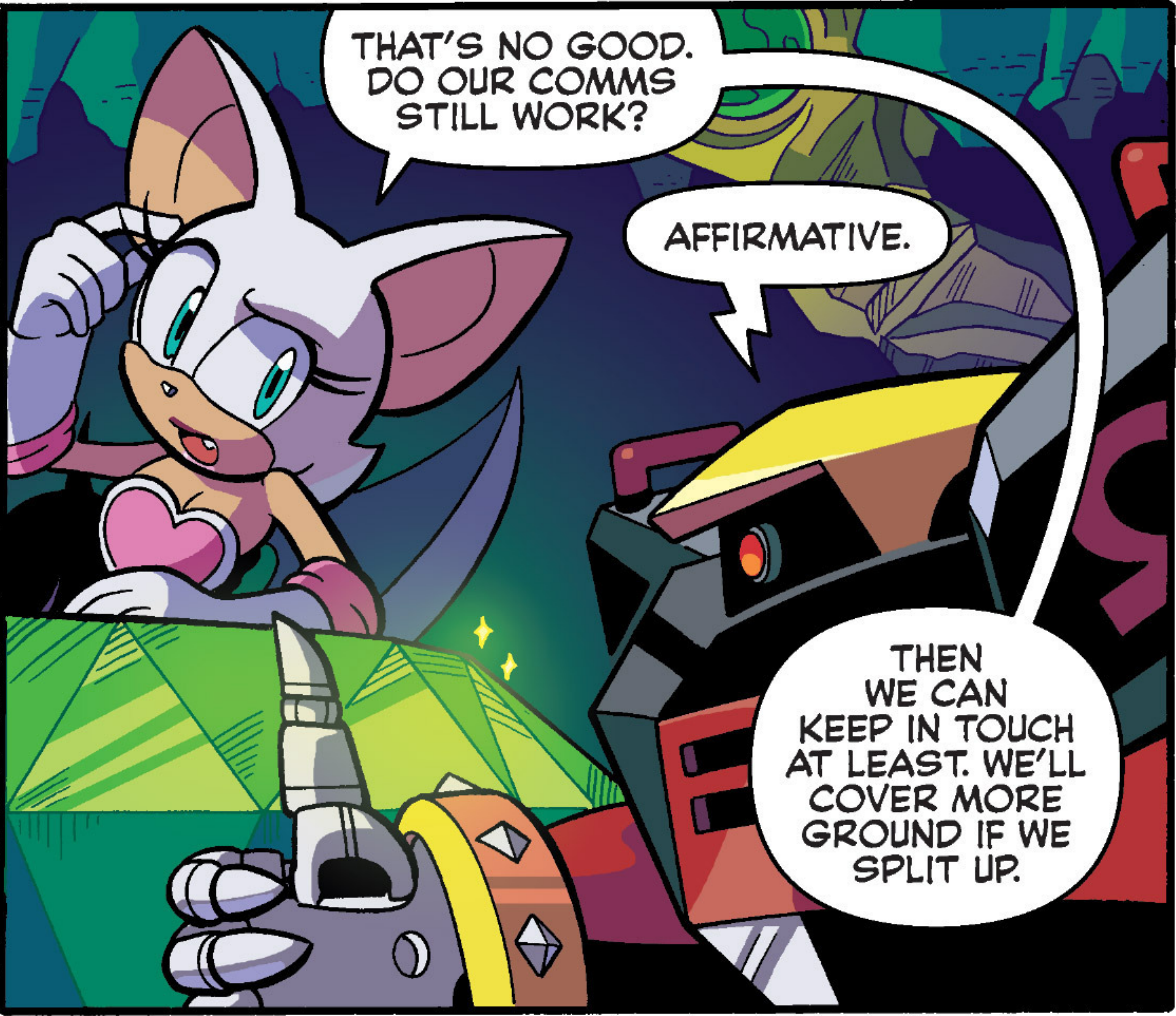




THE MISSION
COMES FIRST.

BUT WE
WILL COME
BACK FOR
IT, RIGHT? I
NEED THIS,
SHADOW.

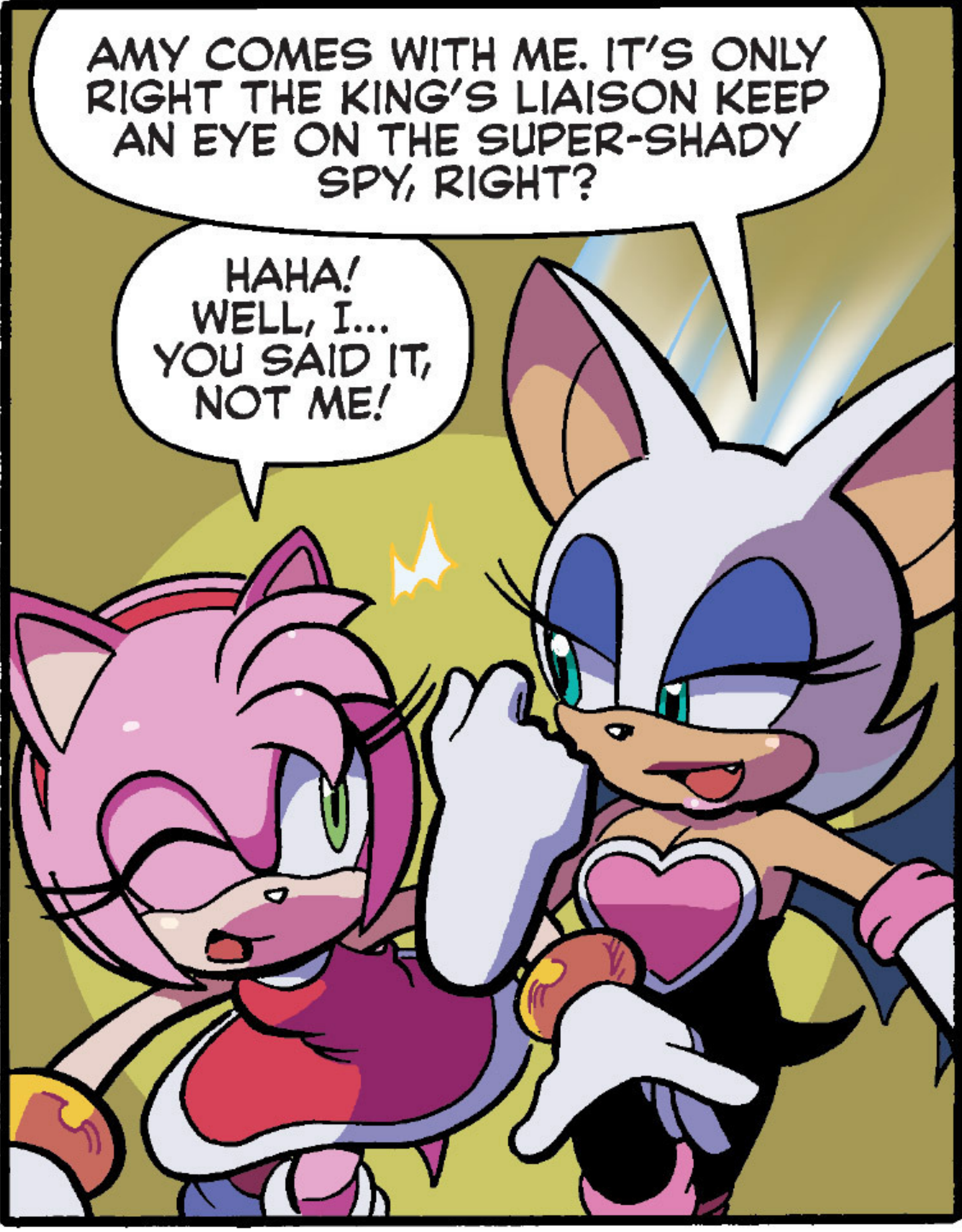
WARNING!
ABUNDANCE OF CRYSTAL SURFACES
ARE INTERFERING WITH MY SENSORS.
I CANNOT PINPOINT OUR TARGET.



THAT'S NO GOOD.
DO OUR COMMS
STILL WORK?

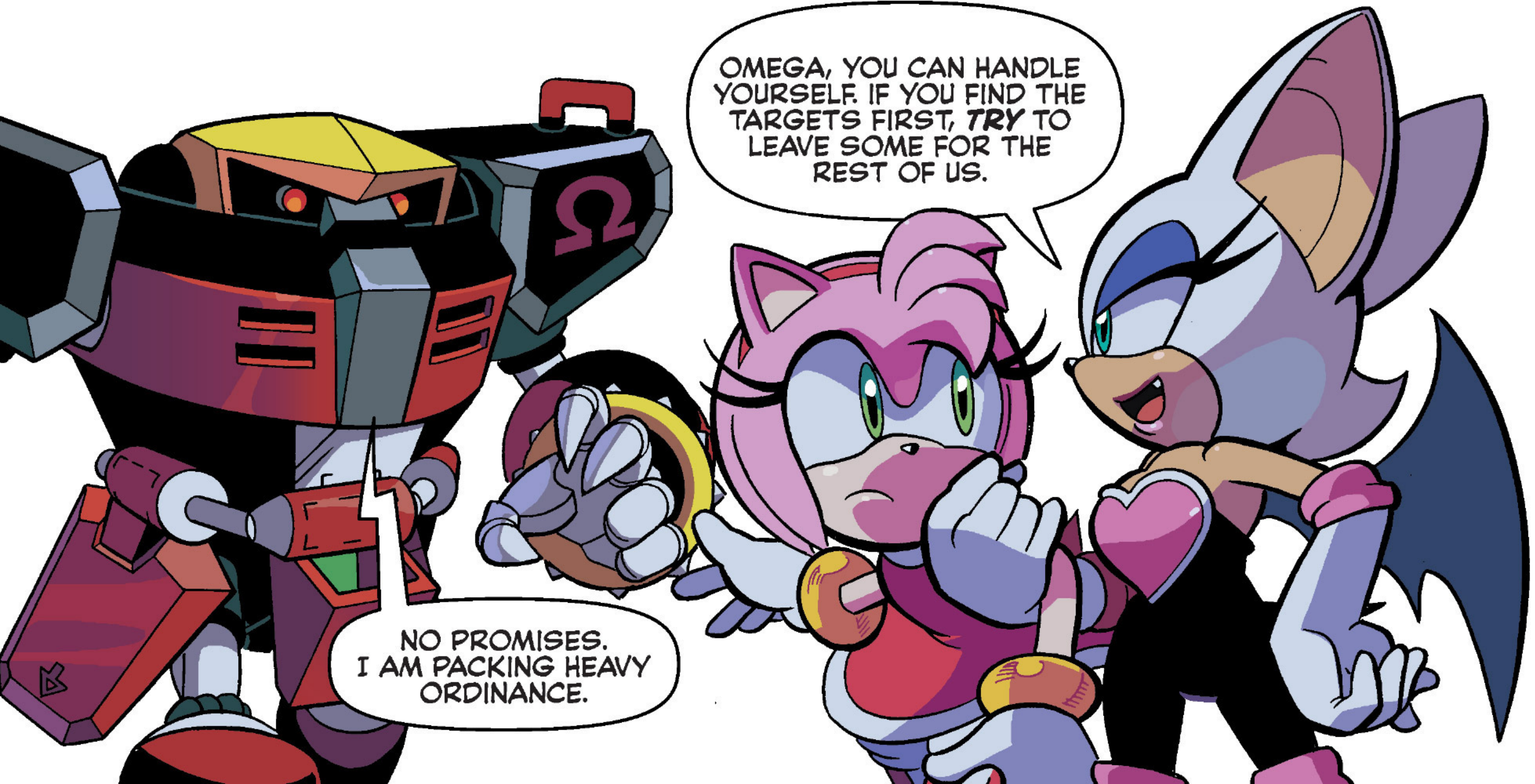
AFFIRMATIVE.

THEN
WE CAN
KEEP IN TOUCH
AT LEAST. WE'LL
COVER MORE
GROUND IF WE
SPLIT UP.



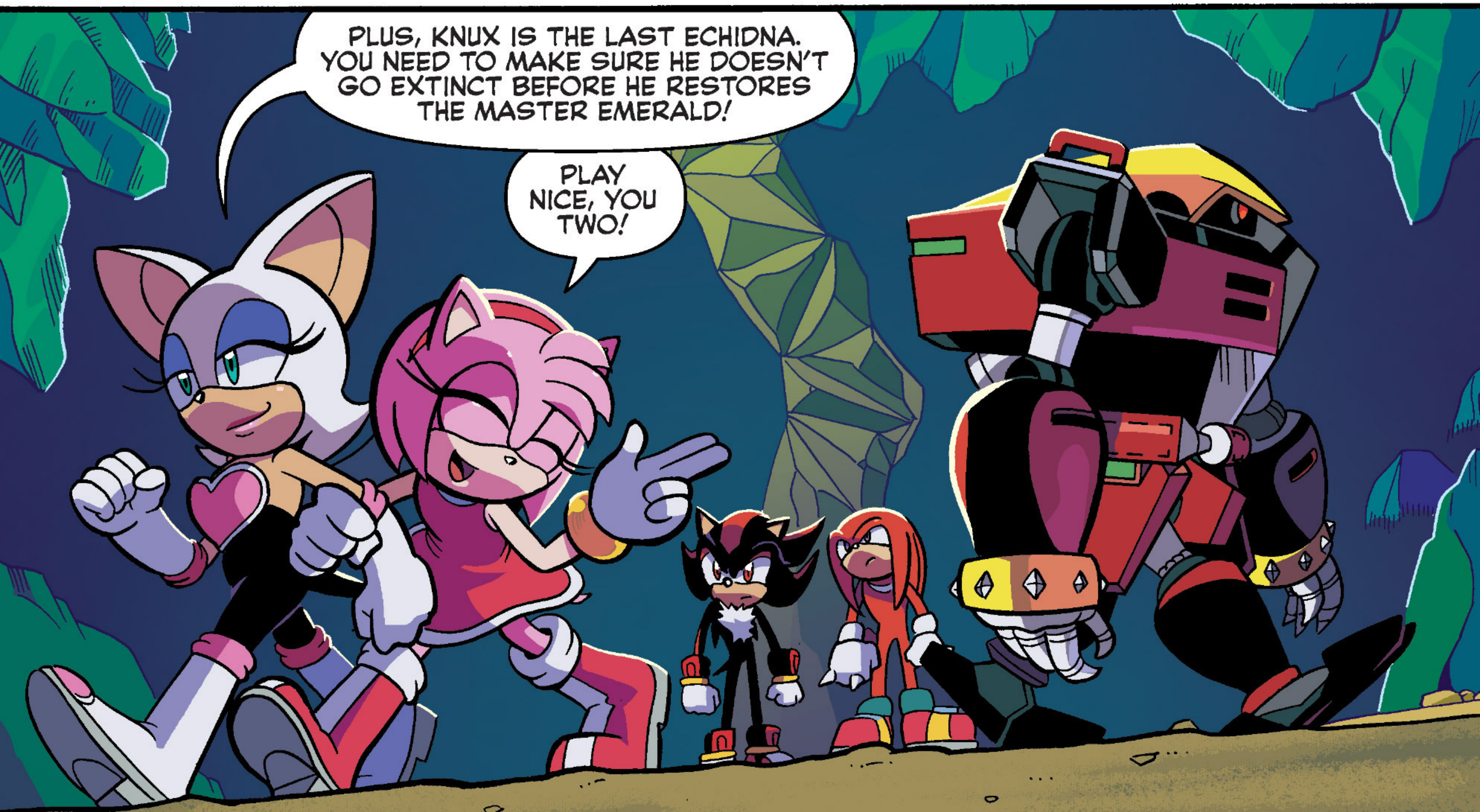
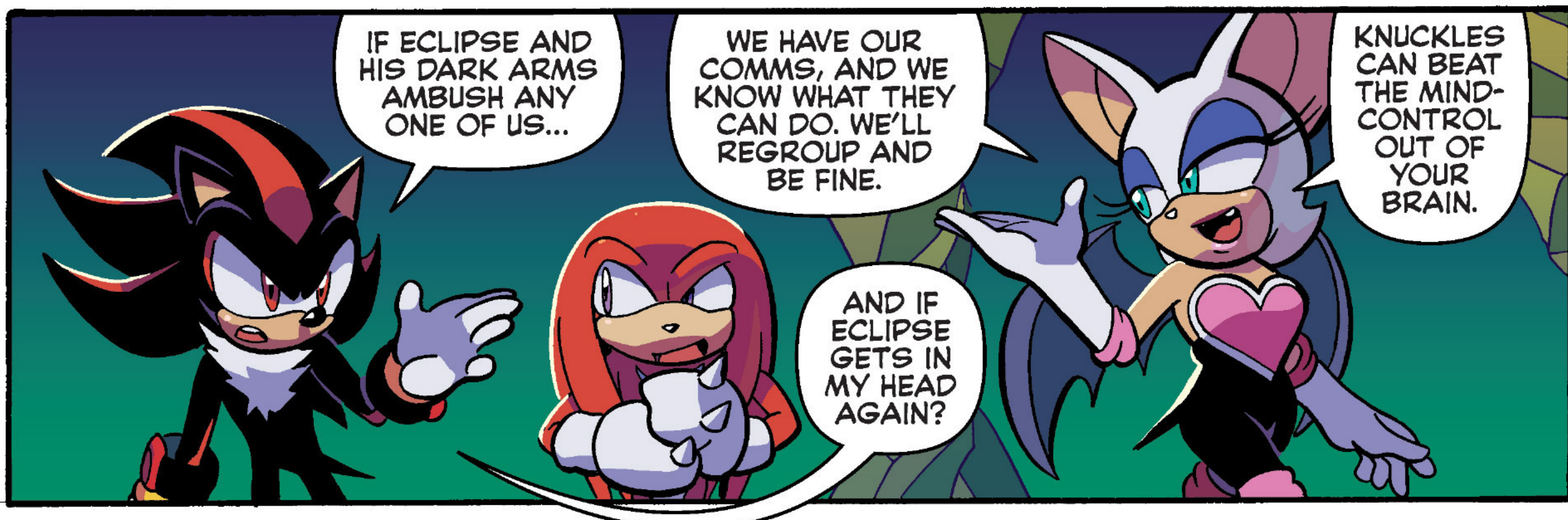
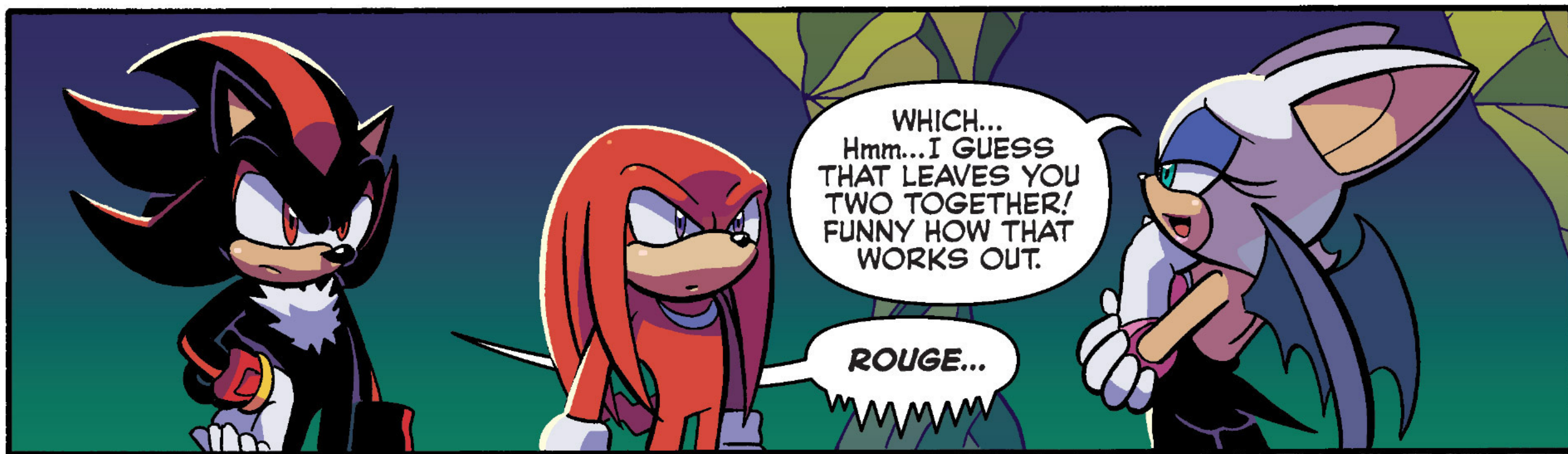
AMY COMES WITH ME. IT'S ONLY
RIGHT THE KING'S LIAISON KEEP
AN EYE ON THE SUPER-SHADY
SPY, RIGHT?

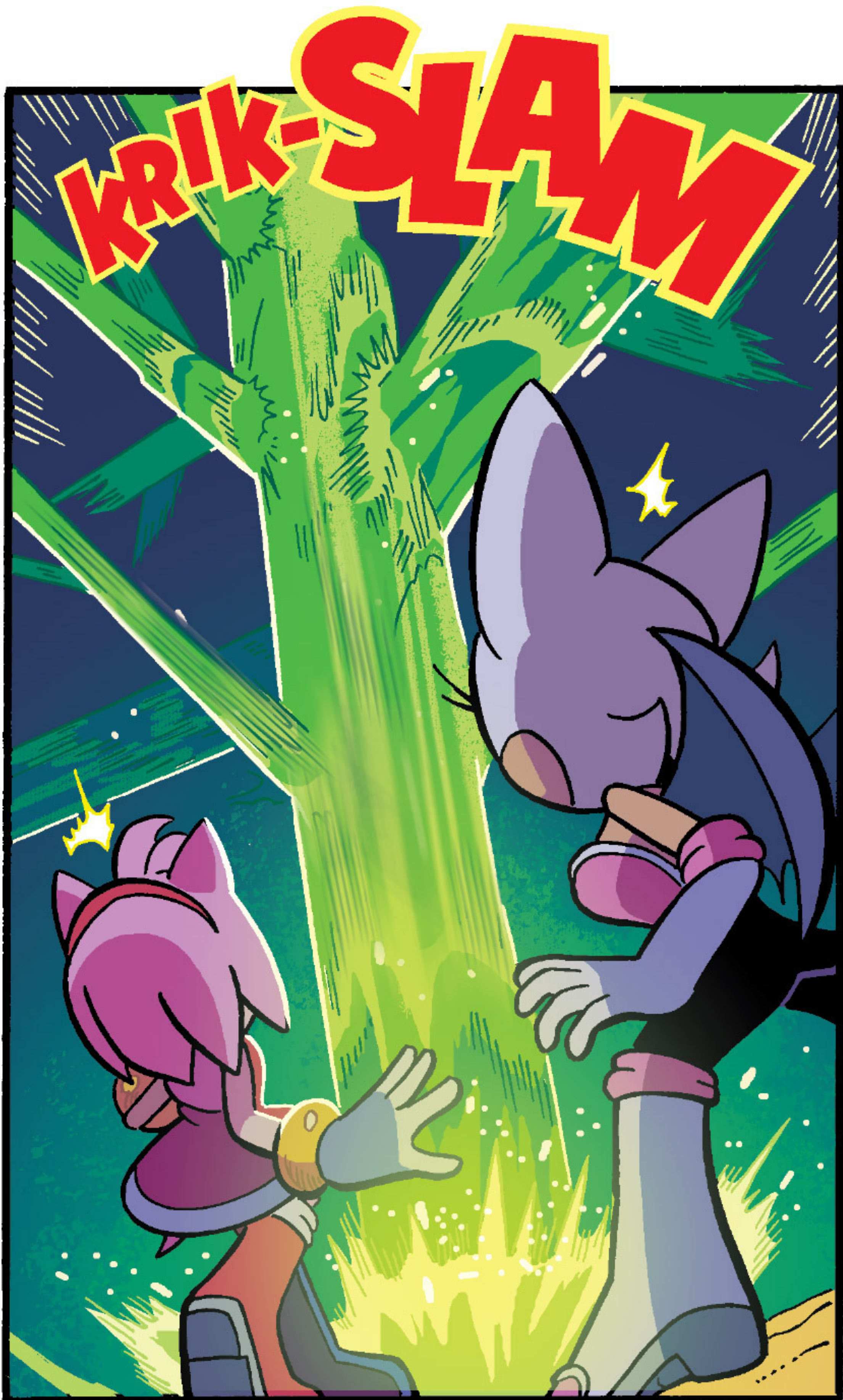
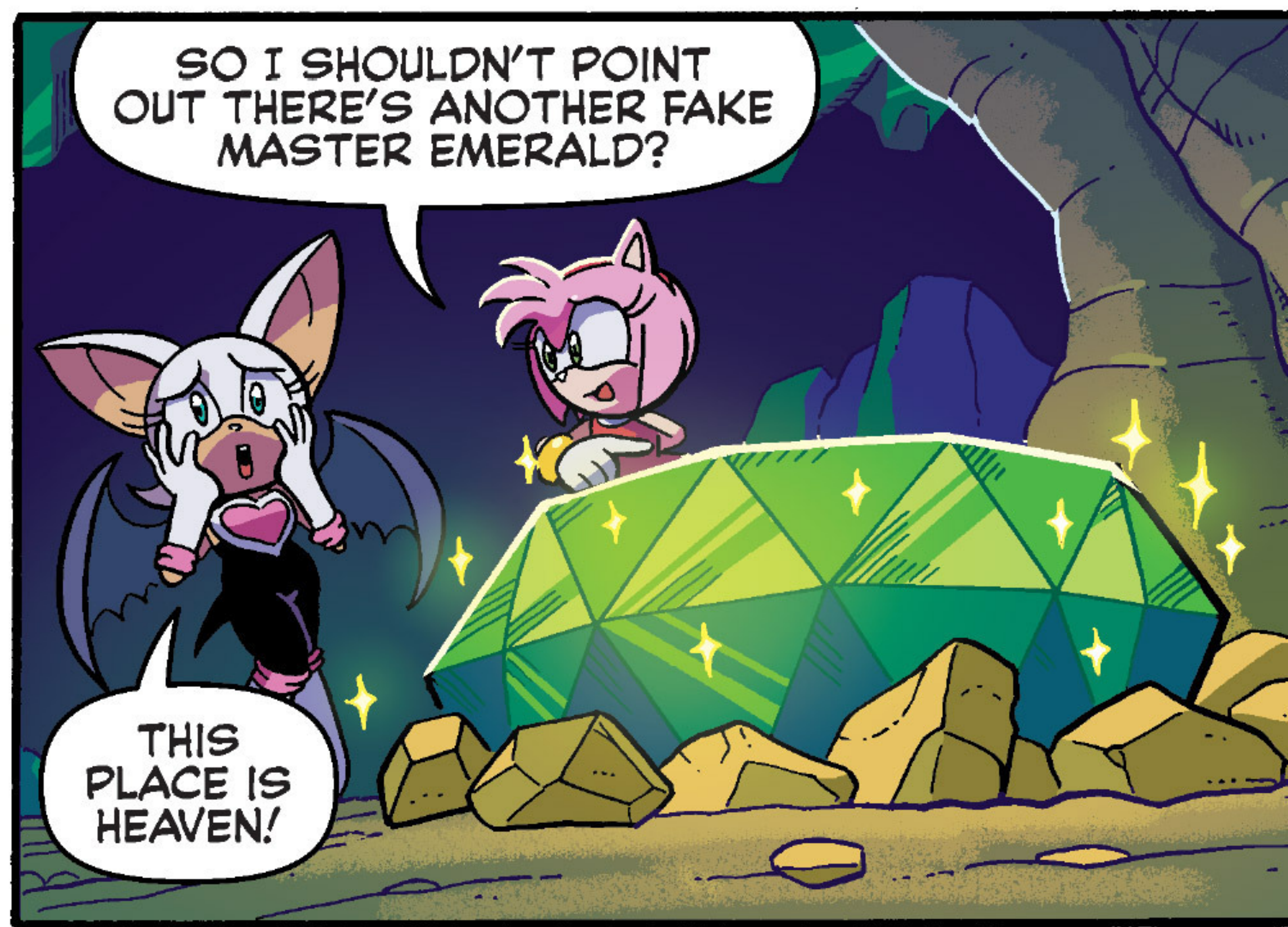
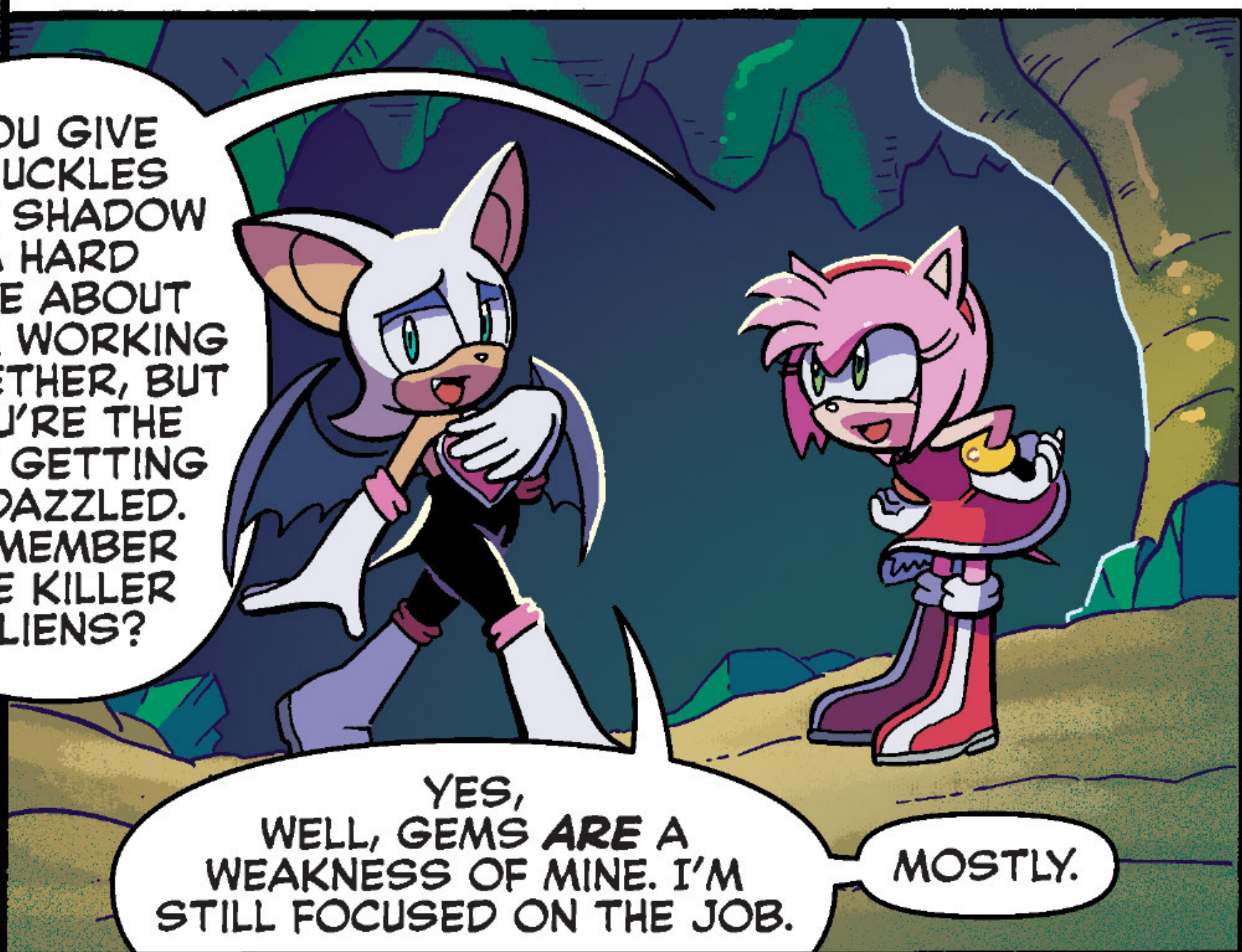
HAHA!
WELL, I...
YOU SAID IT,
NOT ME!



OMEGA, YOU CAN HANDLE
YOURSELF. IF YOU FIND THE
TARGETS FIRST, *TRY* TO
LEAVE SOME FOR THE
REST OF US.

NO PROMISES.
I AM PACKING HEAVY
ORDINANCE.





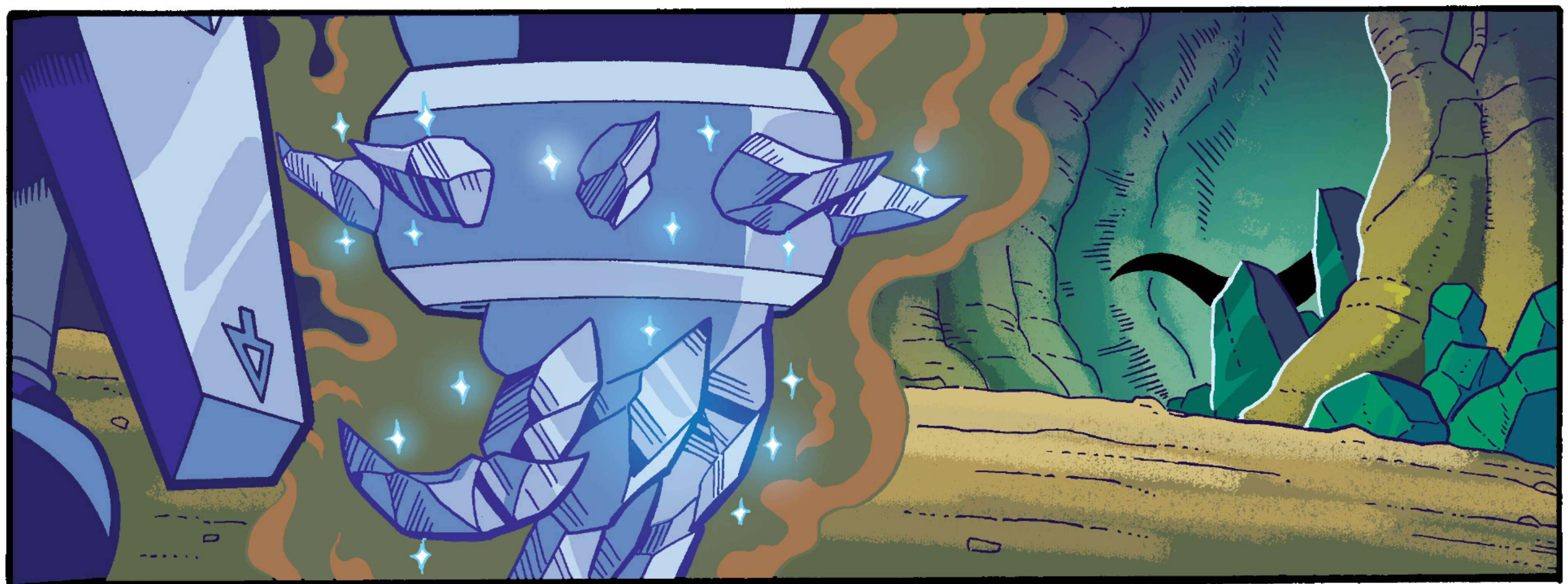


YOU'RE ONE OF DR. EGGMAN'S, AREN'T YOU?

**NEGATIVE!
I AM NOT AFFILIATED
WITH DR. EGGMAN!
TARGETING!**

PROCESSING.
YOU ARE NOT
ECLIPSE.

FWASH







SORRY IF I
STARTLED YOU. I'M

NIXUS!

I COULDN'T HELP
BUT OVERHEAR
YOUR...CONVERSATION.
NOW--I DON'T KNOW
ANYTHING ABOUT ANY
ALIENS, BUT I'VE BEEN
HUNTING SOME
MASTER EMERALD
SHARDS MYSELF.

**WAIT--
WHAT??!**

WHO IS THIS
KNUCKLES-LOOKING GUY?!
AND WHY IS HE LOOKING
FOR THE SHARDS?
AND WHAT'S BECOME OF
AMY, ROUGE AND OMEGA?
ALL THIS AND MORE--
NEXT TIME!

UNTIL THEN,
DON'T MISS OUT
ON ALL THE ACTION IN
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG,
SONIC SUPER DIGEST
AND THE **GRAPHIC**
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Letter from **the EDITOR**

Editorial commentary that's tougher than the rest of 'em!



ABOVE: Cover thumbnail by yours truly and finished inks/color study by Tracy Yardley.



ABOVE: Variant cover mock-up by yours truly and in-progress renders by Rafa Knight.

Let's get crackin'!

The race is on for Knuckles and Amy to restore the Master Emerald and save Angel Island from a potentially horrible fate! Will the inclusion of Team Dark bring luck to our heroes, or will Knuckles and Shadows' egos get the best of them once again? And who is this Nixus?!

I can't say! But I can tell you that we have a series of awesome variant covers for this story arc! Each issue within the "Shattered" storyline features one of four "& Knuckles" variant covers! Visit your local comic shop to get yours **TODAY!**

Peace out!

– Vincent "Vin" Lovallo
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